THE SEVENTH CHAPTER

DIAMOND • PEARL

GOOD MORNING, MISSY.
GOOD MORNING, GRAMPS
I HAVE BROUGHT THE ITEM YOU'VE REQUESTED FOR. CASUAL THOUGH IT MAY BE, THE QUALITY IS STILL TOP-CLASS!
THANK YOU
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME THEN.
THAT'S GOOD, BECAUSE TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY!
THE WEATHER'S LOOKING GREAT.

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VS STARLY

SINNOH - JUBILIFE CITY
New Age Stand-up Comedy Grand Prix The Bust-A-Gut Show OPENING DAY!!
JUBILIFE TV
NEW AGE STAND-UP COMEDY GRAND PRIX
ONE MILLION TO BE WON!
BUST-A-GUT SHOW
GOOOOOD DAY, EVERYBODY!! YOU'RE LOOKING AT ENTRY NUMBER ONE FROM TWINLEAF TOWN!
I'M PEARL!
AND I'M DIAMOND!

PEARL AND DIAMOND WILL BE PERFORMING A SKIT CALLED... "THE RED GYARADOS"
AAH... SO THIS IS LAKE VERITY!
ARE THE RUMORS TRUE? IS THERE REALLY A RED GYARADOS HERE?
IS THERE? IS THERE?
OH! THAT TUFT OF GRASS LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!

ALL RIGHT... SO FAR SO GOOD!
ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT, MY CHATOT, CHAHKO WILL NOW BLOW THE GRASS AWAY...

AND REVEAL DIAMOND AND MUNCHLAX DRESSED IN MAGIKARP COSTUMES!
I'LL THEN SMACK 'EM AND POINT OUT...
THAT'S NOT A RED GYARADOS! IT'S A BRED GYARADOS-TO-BE!!

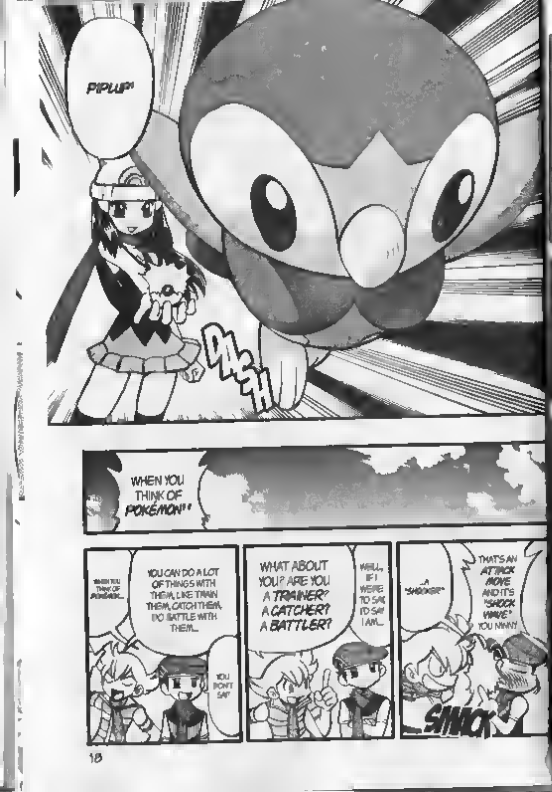
BRING IT ON!
CHAHKO! BLOW THE GRASS AWAY!!
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
"FURY ATTACK"
CHOMP
CHOMP
EH?!
AH, THERE YOU ARE
YOU'RE EATING? OH WELL... IN THAT CASE, I'LL HELP MYSELF TOO!
W-W-WHY ARE YOU GUYS EATING ONSTAGE?!!
COZ MAGIKARPS SHOULD ALWAYS "SEIZE THE DAY"!
"KARP-E DIEM.
FROZEN
SIGH...
W-W-WE'RE SORRY~!!
DASH
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, DIA!!

EXPLAIN WHAT, PEARL?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!! WHY DIDN'T YOU STICK TO THE SCRIPT LIKE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO?!
AND STOP EATING ALREADY!!
AWW, IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
RIGHT, LAX?
AFTER CHANGING INTO OUR MAGIKARP COSTUMES, WE WENT BACKSTAGE AND SAW SOME FOOD FOR THE STAFF THERE.
LAX GRABBED IT AND TOOK OFF BEFORE I COULD EVEN BLINK! I TRIED TO GIVE CHASE, BUT IT WAS SO DARK AND NARROW AND STUFF...
BUT HEY, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! THE AUDIENCE LAUGHED, DIDN'T THEY?
AH... BUT OF COURSE... THEY WERE COMPLETELY MESMERIZED BY YOUR AWESOME AD-LIB...
...AS IF!!!
THEY WERE LAUGHING AT WHAT A FAILURE YOUR GAG WAS!!

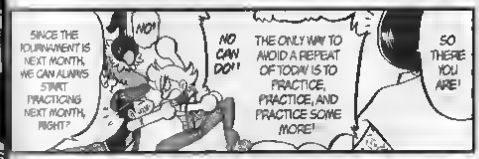
OH FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE EATEN YOUR FILL AHEAD OF TIME?!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SHOOK ME OUT OF BED AND INSISTED ON HAVING REHEARSALS WITHOUT GIVING ME TIME TO EAT...
STOMP STOMP
SHEESH... AND TO THINK WE PRACTICED SO HARD FOR THE PERFORMANCE...!
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE'D GET TO TAKE PART IN CONTESTS WITH PROFESSIONAL JUDGES...
ROOOAR
THE OTHER PERFORMERS ARE SO MUCH MORE WELL-RECEIVED... OUR CHANCES OF WINNING ARE AS GOOD AS NIL...!
OH, DIA! CAN'T YOU JUST HEAR THE THUNDEROUS SOUND OF THE AUDIENCES GUT-BUSTING LAUGHTER...?
NNNN
SAY, DIA... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!!
HUH?

REMEMBER THE VOW WE MADE? THAT DAY IN THE GARDEN OF THAT NURSERY?!
WHEN MASTERS BLUE SKY PIPPIN AND PURIN CAME FROM JOHTO TO PERFORM IN SINNOH, WE WERE SO IMPRESSED BY THEIR PERFORMANCE...
...THAT WE VOWED TO BECOME LIKE THEM, ONE DAY! DO YOU REMEMBER?
SINCE THEN WE'VE BEEN PRACTICING HARD TOGETHER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!
ARE YOU STILL AS FIRED UP AS YOU WERE BACK THEN?!
YUP.
EXCELLENT! WELL, NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THE FAILED PERFORMANCE TODAY, SO LET'S GEAR OURSELVES UP FOR OUR NEXT BIG BREAK!
PRACTICE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAND-UP COMEDY TOURNAMENT STARTS RIGHT NOW!!
EEH?!
I'M THE FUNNY MAN AND YOU'RE THE STOOGE.
EEEH!
PUT THE BOOK DOWN ALREADY!!
IT REALLY SUITS YOU, MISSY.
THANK YOU, GRAMPS.
"CHOME" SWIMPLE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IT'S... IT'S NOTHING... WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE MISSY ANYMORE FOR AWHILE, I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL SO, SO SAD...!
OH PLEASE DON'T CRY.

THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLY TALL ORDER, MISS!
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA HOW DANGEROUS THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE MANSION IS?!
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH. YOU'VE ALREADY HIRED TWO PEOPLE TO ACCOMPANY ME. HAVEN'T YOU? NOT THAT I THINK I NEED ANY...
OF COURSE YOU DO! NOT A SINGLE HAIR ON YOUR MOST PRECIOUS HEAD MUST BE HARMED IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER!!
THE TWO WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU ARE PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ORDER THE SE SPECIALLY TRAINED MEN TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT THEM TO! THEY WILL GUARD YOU PROPERLY...
...ALL THE WAY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET!!!
THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR ME IN FRONT OF JUBILIFE BUILDING, RIGHT?
YES INDEED! THE TWO OF THEM WILL BE WEARING RED AND GREEN MUFFLERS
ALL RIGHT I'LL SEE YOU SOON THEN
PLEASE BE VERY VERY VERY VERY...
...VERY VERY CAREFUL!
PHEW... I'M FINALLY OUT OF THERE!
I'M HAPPY TO KNOW THAT GRAMPS REALLY CARES FOR ME, BUT REALLY, THE MAN WORRIES TOO MUCH...
YOU THINK SO TOO, DON'T YOU?
OPEN
TIME TO COME OUT...
POP


PIPLUP!
PLOP
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...
YOU CAN DO A LOT OF THINGS WITH THEM, LIKE TRAIN THEM, CATCH THEM, DO BATTLE WITH THEM...
YOU DON'T SAY!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU A TRAINER? A CATCHER? A BATTLER?
WELL... IF I WERE TO SAY, I'D SAY I AM...
...A SHROOM!
THAT'S AN ATTACK MOVE AND IT'S "SHOCK WAVE", YOU NINNY!
SMACK

HEY, THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF "ATTACKS" AREN'T THERE?
I DON'T SAY.
WHAT KIND OF "ATTACKS" DO YOU LIKE?
"EGG BOMB", "SOFT-BOILED", "EGG GATHER", "EGG DISPLAY"...
YOU JUST LIKE EGGS!!
SMACK
ALL RIGHT...! WE'RE SHOOTING TO GET THE HANG OF IT! LET'S DO IT ONE MORE TIME!
HEY, PEARL... CAN WE REST FOR A LITTLE?
HE SEEMS STILL ENERGETIC


SINCE THE TOURNAMENT IS NEXT MONTH, WE CAN ALWAYS START PRACTICING NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
NO!
NO CAN DO!!
THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A REPEAT OF TODAY IS TO PRACTICE, PRACTICE, AND PRACTICE SOME MORE!
SO THERE YOU ARE!

PEARL AND DIAMOND, RIGHT? I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU BOTH!
OH, IF IT ISN'T THE PRODUCER! WHAT'S UP?
THE JUDGING JUST ENDED A WHILE AGO...
...AND YOU TWO HAVE WON A SPECIAL AWARD!
WHAT??!

THE JUDGES FELT THAT YOUR ALARMINGLY HOPELESS HUMOR HAD A UNIQUE CHARM OF ITS OWN!
COME ON! THE AWARD CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

HERE! TAKE THESE TRAVEL TICKETS! IT'S THE PRIZE FOR THE SPECIAL AWARD!
NOW HURRY ON TO THE STAGE!

EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR YOU!
Y Y YES, SIR!!
STOMP

HURRY UP, DVL!
AH! PEARL... WATCH OUT FOR...

BAM
WAH!

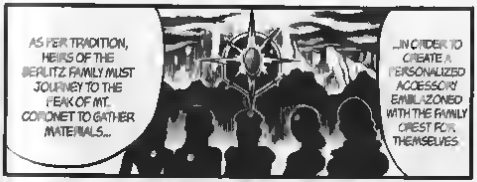
GUH...
OWIE...
OUUUCH...

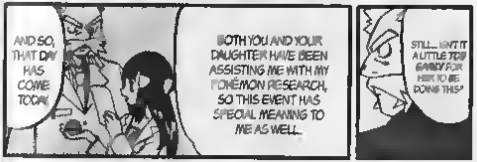
WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS?! YOU SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING AROUND IN BIG CROWDS!!
EEP! WE'RE SORRY! WE'RE SORRY! BUT WE'RE IN A HURRY!
SORRY! SORRY!

WHOA, HE'S ...ARY!
PLEASE EXCUSE US!!

REALLY I CAN'T BELIEVE YOUNG PEOPLE NOWADAYS...
THERE, THERE, PROFESSOR IGWAI...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST RETURNED TO SINNOH...
HAVE THEY TURNED THIS PLACE INTO A CIRCUS?!
TODAY IS SPECIAL, PROFESSOR. THE RESIDENTS ARE ALL GATHERED HERE TO TAKE PART IN JUBILIFE TV'S STAND-UP COMEDY COMPETITION!
WELL, IT MAY BE FOR THE BEST THAT WAY SHE GETS TO TRAVEL UNDER THE CLOAK OF THE CROWD...
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY CALM ABOUT LETTING YOUR ONLY DAUGHTER DO SUCH A DANGEROUS THING...
IT IS A LONG-STANDING FAMILY TRADITION AFTER ALL.
THE NOBLE BERLITZ FAMILY HAS BEEN IN SINNOH FOR OVER 200 YEARS...
ON TOP OF BEING WEALTHY AND POWERFUL THEY ARE ALSO A CLAN OF SCHOLARS.


AS PER TRADITION, HEIRS OF THE BERLITZ FAMILY MUST JOURNEY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET TO GATHER MATERIALS...
...IN ORDER TO CREATE A PERSONALIZED ACCESSORY EMBLAZONED WITH THE FAMILY CREST FOR THEMSELVES.


AND SO, THAT DAY HAS COME TODAY.
BOTH YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN ASSISTING ME WITH MY POKÉMON RESEARCH, SO THIS EVENT HAS SPECIAL MEANING TO ME AS WELL.
STILL... ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR HER TO BE DOING THIS?

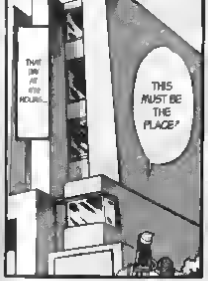
IT'S NOT AS THOUGH THERE'S A CUT-OFF AGE FOR HER TO COMPLETE THE ACCESSORY, IS THERE?
THAT'S TRUE. BUT SHE WAS THE ONE WHO INSISTED ON GOING AND YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO DISSUADE HER ONCE SHE SETS HER MIND ON SOMETHING...
SHE SPOKE ABOUT THIS WITH OUR BUTLER SEBASTIAN AS WELL, AND HE'D MANAGED TO GET HER TO AGREE TO HAVE BODYGUARDS ALONG...
HEH HEH... MISSY TOLD ME THAT HERSELF.
I'M THANKFUL FOR THE ARRANGEMENT SHE'D OFFERED TO RECORD DOWN THE POKÉMON SHE MEETS ALONG HER JOURNEY ON THE POKÉDEX...
...AND I READILY ACCEPTED WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT...

I REALLY WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ALL THE POKÉMON RESIDING IN SINNOH...
A "POKÉDEX" THAT WILL RECORD HER ENCOUNTERS WITH DIFFERENT POKÉMON...
A "POKÉMON" WHOSE GROWTH I HOPE SHE CAN OBSERVE FOR ME ALONG HER JOURNEY...
...AND A "POKÉMON WATCH"! ACQUIRED FROM THE POKÉTECH COMPANY, WHICH I HOPE WILL BE OF SOME HELP TO HER.
THESE THREE COMPLETES ONE SET AND I'VE ALREADY HAD THEM DELIVERED TO THE MANSION
I'VE ALSO PREPARED TWO MORE SETS FOR HER TWO COMPANIONS
I SEE. YOU'RE STILL AS SPEEDY AND EFFICIENT AS EVER, PROFESSOR.
NOW THEN... THE TWO OF THEM SHOULD BE SHOWING UP SOON...
WE'RE RIGHT HERE
THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL BE MEETING MY DAUGHTER, THE ROUTE YOU WILL BE TAKING, AS WELL AS OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE MISSION
UNDERSTOOD.
PLEASE JUST KEEP WALKING
I'M LEAVING MY DAUGHTER IN YOUR GOOD HANDS.
YOU CAN COUNT ON US.
SWISH!
THEY SEEM WELL TRAINED... THAT'S A RELIEF...
YES... SHALL WE HEAD FOR THE LAB THEN?
CHEER
CHEER
AND NOW, THE WINNERS OF THE SPECIAL PRIZE...
ENTRY NUMBER ONE!!
PEARL AND DIAMOND!!
WE DID IT! THIS MARKS OUR FIRST STEP TO SUCCESS!
THE PRIZE IS SUPPOSED TO BE TRAVEL TICKETS OR SOMETHING RIGHT? OPEN IT, DIA!
SURE!
HMM?

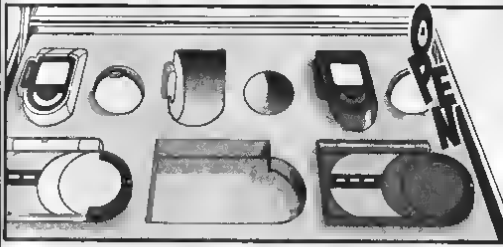
GOAL OF JOURNEY: PEAK OF MT. CORONET
DEPARTURE DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 1700 HOURS
MEETING PLACE. IN FRONT OF JUBILIFE BUILDING
MISSION: BODYGUARDS
REWARD· 10 MILLION DOLLARS

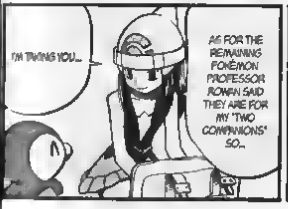
GOAL OF JOURNEY... MT. CORONET? WHOA, THAT'S REALLY FAR...!!
BUT WOW! THE REWARD FOR THIS THING IS EVEN BETTER THAN THE GRAND PRIX PRIZE

I KNOW, RIGHT?! THIS MUST BE PROOF THAT OUR TALENTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED!!
YUCK!
MY... THEY'RE REALLY ECSTATIC ABOUT THIS...
...IT'S JUST TICKETS FOR A FREE BICYCLE RIDE AROUND THE TRACK IN SANDGEM TOWN, THOUGH?


THIS MUST BE THE PLACE?

LOOKS LIKE MY TWO COMPANIONS AREN'T HERE YET...


PEEN


I'M TWINS YOU...
AS FOR THE REMAINING POKÉMON PROFESSOR ROWAN SAID THEY ARE FOR MY "TWO COMPANIONS" SO...

...I'LL LET THE TWO OF YOU WELCOME THEM INTO THE GROUP!!

TURTWIG!
TWO MEN WILL BE COMING HERE SOON. YOU MAY CHOOSE THE ONE YOU LIKE AND GIVE THIS TO THEM.
BOOT!
CHIMCHAR!
OH, MY!
A GREEN MUFFLER, AND A RED MUFFLER.
THEY MUST BE THE ONES!
HEY, PEARL... THIS DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT!
I MEAN... WHAT KIND OF LEISURE TRIP STARTS ON THE SAME DAY OF THE PRIZE-GIVING AND COMES WITH A "MISSION" TO BOOT? AND WHAT DOES THIS... "REWARD" THING MEAN ANYWAY? I DON'T GET IT...
DON'T BE A MORON, DIA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LOT SMARTER THAN THAT!
MORON!
EVEN SEEN THOSE TV PROGRAMS WHERE THEY PUT ARTISTES THROUGH SOME SITUATIONS AND CATCH THEIR CANDID REACTIONS ON CAMERA?
OH!

THEY'RE TRYING TO SURPRISE US SO THEY CAN COMPILE OUR REACTIONS INTO SOME TV SHOW! I BET THERE'S ALREADY A CAMERAMAN OR TWO TAILING US AND RECORDING ALL OUR ACTIVITIES!
BAH! CAMERAMAN!
DON'T LOOK, YOU MIGHT JUST PHOTOBOMB YOU MIGHT'VE NOTICED ANYTHING!
JUST BE CAREFUL! I'M PRETTY SURE SOMETHING'S GONNA JUMP OUT AT US ONCE WE REACH THE APPOINTED PLACE!
TAG
BAM
SEE WHAT DID I TELL YO— WHOOAA!!!
BAM
OUCH! OUCHIE! WAIT... LET GO! PLEASE!!
COME ON, PIA! SAY SOMETHING!!
STRUGGLE STRUGGLE

...SHE'S SO PRETTY... AND SO ELEGANT. IT'S ALMOST AS IF...
...SHE'S A PRINCESS.
OUCH OUCH... WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT HURTS!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
DIA!! DON'T JUST SPACE OUT OVER THERE! DO SOMETHING!!
THUD THUD
FLAP FLAP FLAP

A LARGE FLOCK OF STARLY!!
WHOA!! AND THEY'RE HEADED RIGHT FOR US!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

HURRY UP AND GET RID OF THEM!!
BEEP
BEEP-BEEP
UM, SO WHO'S THE GIRL? IS SHE THE TOUR GUIDE?

THEY TOOK 30 MINUTES TO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE STRAYS!
AND, THEY LOOK TOO YOUNG TO BE TRAINERS! THEY'RE JUST LOOKING AROUND. MAYBE IS THIS SOME KIND OF TEST?
NO... FATHER AND PROFESSOR ROWAN WERE THE ONES WHO MADE THIS ARRANGEMENT FOR ME.
THEY MUST HAVE SELECTED THESE TWO TO MAKE MY QUEST LOOK LIKE A CASUAL TRIP TO OTHER PEOPLE!
I NEED TO KNOW YOUR DESIGNATIONS.
I, I'M DIA, DIAMOND!
AND I'M PEARL!
YOU HAVE NAMES OR CODE-NAMES, RIGHT?
WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT THEY ARE?
ALL RIGHT
HUH?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE TOUR GUIDE! AREN'T YOU GONNA TELL US YOUR NAME?
GRAB
SMACK

MY BUTLER HAD WARNED ME NOT TO GIVE MY NAME OUT TO COMMONERS.
SHOOSH
LET US BE OFF THEN.

TO THE PEAK OF MT CORONET

SANDGEM PARK
SHE'S LATE
YEAH.

ADVENTURE MAP
SANDGEM TOWN
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
TURTWIG
LAX
CHIMCHAR
CHAHIKO
PIPLUP
PONYTA

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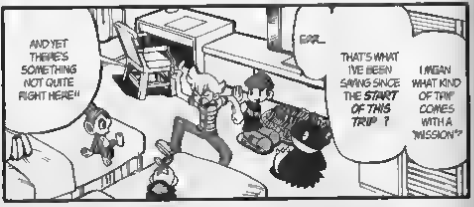
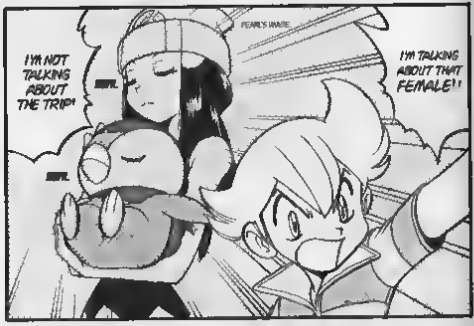
SHEESH... I DON'T GET IT.
LET'S GO THROUGH THIS ONE MORE TIME...
FIRST OFF... WHAT ON EARTH DOES THIS THING DO?
I THINK IT'S CALLED A "OMEDEK" OR SOMETHING
WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE MEETING PLACE WE WERE JUMPED BY THESE TWO.
...WHO THEN PRESSED OUR FINGERS AGAINST THIS GADGET
THE TOUR GUIDE HAS SOMETHING SIMILAR TOO...
...AND THE THREE GADGETS BEEPED SIMULTANEOUSLY WHEN...

THAT DOES IT!!
STOP EATING, TURN THE TV OFF AND LISTEN TO ME!!!
TH... THAT WAS REALLY LOUD...
DAZED
SAY, DA... NO, I MEAN, DIAMOND!!
HUH?
WE'VE HERE ON THIS TRIP BECAUSE WE WON THE SPECIAL PRIZE OF JUBILIFE TV'S COMEDY GRAND PRIX, RIGHT?


AND YET THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT HERE!!
EARL...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING SINCE THE START OF THIS TRIP!
I MEAN WHAT KIND OF TRIP COMES WITH A "MISSION"?


I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE TRIP!
I'M TALKING ABOUT THAT FEMALE!!

SHE SIMPLY REFUSES TO TELL US HER NAME...
SHE DRAGGED US AROUND, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE OUR GUIDE!
AS SOON AS THE SUN SET, SHE MAKES HER WAY TO A HOTEL...
AND NOT JUST ANY HOTEL!

WHOA, THIS IS AWESOME! I MEAN, I'VE SEEN THIS ON TV BEFORE, BUT NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS DID I THINK I'D BE STAYING INIT SOMEDAY! AFTER ALL, WE'VE ONLY KNOWN TWINLEAF AND SANDGEM TOWNS!
..A SUPER HIGH-CLASS LUXURY HOTEL LIKE THIS!!

THAT GIRL MUST BE HIDING SOMETHING... I'M SURE OF IT!

AND SO I'VE DECIDED... I'M GOING TO UNCOVER HER SECRET!!
HOW'RE YA GONNA DO THAT?

I KNOW THAT SHE'S STAYING AT THE SUITE ROOM ON TOP OF OURS. I'VE ALREADY SENT CHAMIRO THERE
EEH?!
OH, DON'T BE SUCH A NINNY. ANYWAY, WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR CHAMIRO TO RETURN, LET'S PRACTICE OUR BASS!!
EEH?!
I'M THE FUNNY MAN AND YOU'RE THE STRAIGHT!
EEH?!
PUT THE FOOD DOWN, ALREADY!
EEH

GRAMPS.
THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR JOURNEY IS FINALLY OVER!
MISSY! OH, MISSY!"
MIIIISSSY!!!
MISSY... MISSY...
GRAMPS EARL
I KNOW I'M BEING A NAG! BUT I STILL WISH TO PROTECT MISSY NO MATTER HOW FAR APART WE ARE FROM EACH OTHER.
ALL RIGHT... BUT I'M FINE, GRAMPS, REALLY AND I'VE ALREADY MET UP WITH MY TWO COMPANIONS, TOO.
OH, RIGHT... I'VE LEFT PROFESSOR ROWAN'S TRUNK IN THE CARE OF THE HOTEL...
PROTECT... PROTECT...

RUSTLE
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON, YOU THINK OF THEIR "ABILITIES", RIGHT?
YOU DON'T SAY!
AND THERE'RE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF "ABILITIES" AREN'T THERE... HOW MANY WOULD YOU SAY?
I CAN'T SAY.
HUH? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
YES...
IT'S BEYOND MY "ABILITY". YOU SURE.
DON'T SAY THAT. TRY TO REMEMBER. SOME OKAY? IT AFFECTS YOUR POKÉMON BATTLES!
YOU DON'T SAY!
MY FAVORITE ABILITY'S DEFINITELY "PICKUP"
DON'T JUST TRUST TRAINS WITH THAT ABILITY
OH, I KNOW ABOUT THAT
I "PICKED UP" A SWOLLEN EYE THE OTHER DAY AND MAN, IT HURT SO MUCH THAT I...
THAT'S IT! A PUNCH FOR YA BAD PUNS, BUSTER!!!
PUNCH
TICKLE
TICKLE
TICKLE
TICKLE

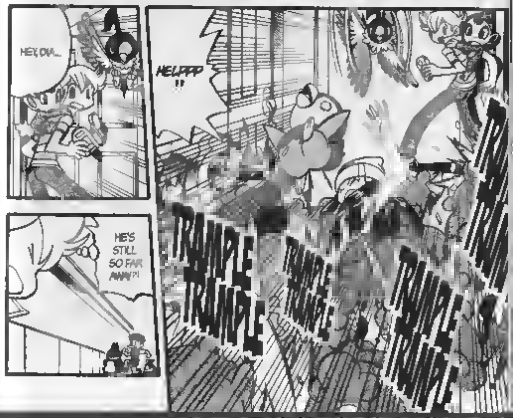
HE LIKES IT!
KEEK! KEEK!
GIGGLE
EVEN IF THEY'RE JUST POKÉMON, HAVING AN AUDIENCE WHO LIKES OUR PERFORMANCE FILLS ME WITH SUCH IMMENSE JOY...!!
YOU MUST LIKE MY SCRIPT THEN, RIGHT?!
MY SOUL MATE?!
JUMP
ERM, PEARL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT...
TICKLE
TICKLE
...THE LEAF WAS MAKING HIS FOOT ITCH...
N...NEVER MIND THAT! SINCE THEY WERE THE ONES TO APPROACH US, I GUESS IT'S SAFE FOR US TO ASSUME THAT WE GET TO KEEP THEM?
IN THAT CASE, THEY'LL NEED NICK NAMES!

..CHIMHIKO!
IT'S INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POKÉMON! OH! I SEE! NOW SO THIS IS WHAT THIS GADGET DOES!
"ABLE TO CLIMB NIMBLY UP LOGS AND CLIFFS." HUH!
SOUNDS LIKE IT SHOULD BE PRETTY SPECIAL... JUST THE KIND OF POKÉMON I LIKE!
AS OPPOSED TO...
STAND!
HUH?

TROT...
TROT...
TROT...
YAWN...
TROT...
THIS IS EXTREME...
I'LL CALL YOU...
WHO, THEN?
MY NAME'S DIAMOND! PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
YOU'RE A TURTWIG, HUH?

KYAAH!!
IT'S THAT FEMALE'S VOICE! RATS... WAS CHAHKO DISCOVERED?
TRUMP TRUMP
WE GOTTA COOK UP A STORY TO TRICK HER...! COME ON, DIA!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

CHAHKO! SHE SCREAMED BECAUSE OF THOSE GUNS?
FLAP FLAP
LET ME SEE...
BIDOOF ...?
HUH?
BUT THESE GUNS HAVE FRONT TEETH THAT ARE WAY LONGER...
...THAN THE PICTURE IN THIS GADGET!


HEL DIA...
HE'S STILL SO FAR AWAY?!
HELPPP !!
TRAMPLE TRAMPLE
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TRAMPLE TRAMPLE

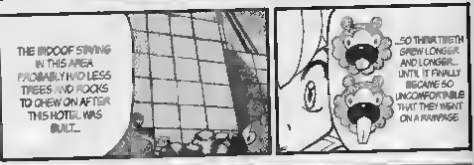
AND CHIMCHIKO...! ERR... "EMBER"... WAS IT?!
WE GOTTA RESCUE HER! CHIMCHIKO, "FURY ATTACK"!!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
FLARE
FLARE
IT'S NOT WORKING! THEY'RE NOT CALMING DOWN AT ALL!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
GYAAH!
THEY WENT OUT TO THE CORRIDOR. IT'S YOUR TURN NOW, DIA...

STOMP
STOMP
EEEHH ??!
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THOSE BIDOOF!!
DO SOMETHING HE SAYS... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WE SHOULD DO, LAX?
HMM...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
IMPRESSIVE... THEY'RE CHEWING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE WALLS, THE FLOOR, AND FURNITURE MADE OF WOOD AND STONE!
OH, YEAH!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
HIGGSY! OVER HEEEERE!!
SMACK
DING!
HUFF... HUFF...
DA TOOK THE BIDOOF TO THE ROOF...
...WITH THE ELEVATOR!
SPACED OUT
THEN AGAIN, I REALLY DON'T THINK THOSE LOUNGERS STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE HAMPERING BIDOOF...
PLEASE BE ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO!"
DASH
SLIDE

CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
WHAT THE...?!
HI PEARL! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
CLONK
W-W-WHAT'S GOING ON DIA?! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO CALM THE BIDOOF DOWN?!

...ILL...
I ONLY JUST FOUND THIS OUT WHEN I LOOKED AT THE POKÉDEX...
APPARENTLY, BIDOOF TRIMS THEIR FRONT TEETH BY CONSTANTLY CHEWING ON LARGE TREES AND ROCKS!

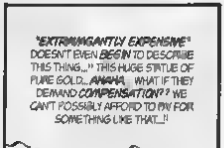

THE BIDOOF STAYING IN THIS AREA PROBABLY HAD LESS TREES AND ROCKS TO CHEW ON AFTER THIS HOTEL WAS BUILT...
...SO THEIR TEETH GREW LONGER AND LONGER... UNTIL IT FINALLY BECAME SO UNCOMFORTABLE THAT THEY WENT ON A RAMPAGE

BUT THEIR TEETH ARE SO STRONG THAT THEY WERE PRACTICALLY CHEWING EVERYTHING UP! SO I THOUGHT... IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS HOTEL THAT'S BIG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND THEIR CHEWING?
AND THE GOLDEN STATUE AT THE TOP OF THE HOTEL IMMEDIATELY CAME TO MIND
NOT QUITE A TOOTH FOR YOUR "TEETH", EH BIDOOF?
PAT
I WON THE BATTLE...
...WITHOUT HAVING TO FIGHT AT ALL!

AH HAH!
YOU JUST LAUGHED, DIDN'T YOU?
NO! I DIDN'T
YOU SO DID TOO! I'M SURE OF IT!
NO! I DIDN'T. DON'T BE A PEST

HEY! I THOUGHT THIS WAS JUST A GOLD-PLATED STATUE, BUT... IT'S GOT SPARKLING GOLD INSIDE TOO! DON'T TELL ME... IT'S ACTUALLY MADE OF PURE SOLID GOLD?!
OH, WHAT DOES IT MATTER? THANKS TO THE STATUE THE BIDOOF'S TEETH ARE ALL BACK TO THEIR NORMAL LENGTHS NOW!

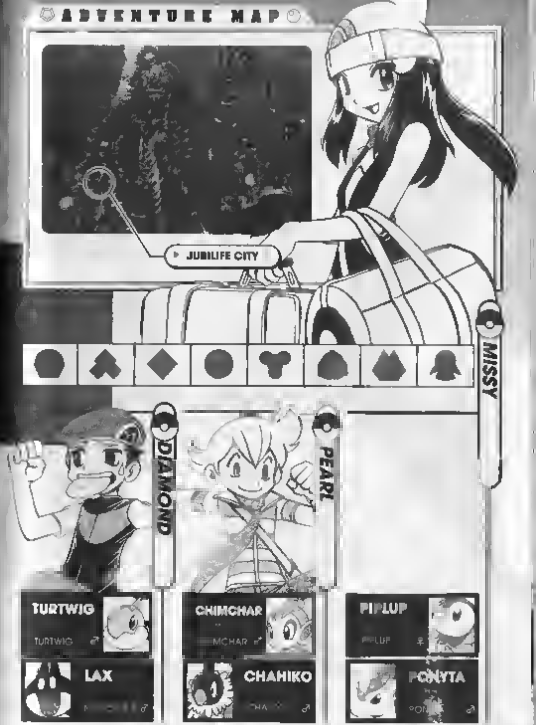
OF COURSE! NOW THAT THEIR TEETH ARE BACK TO NORMAL, THEY WON'T ATTACK THE HOTEL ANYMORE.
EHEHH... THANK'S JUST PEACHES AND CREAM~


"EXTRAVAGANTLY EXPENSIVE" DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THIS THING..." THIS HUGE STATUE OF PURE GOLD... AHHHH... WHAT IF THEY DEMAND COMPENSATION?! WE CAN'T POSSIBLY AFFORD TO PAY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!!

AS IF!!
CHOMP

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, PEARL...
WHIMPER WHIMPER

THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.
WHY?
BECAUSE THIS HOTEL BELONGS TO ME.
EEEH??
MISSY! MISSY! PROTECT! PROTECT!
WHERE'D YOU LEARN THAT FROM, CHAHIKO?!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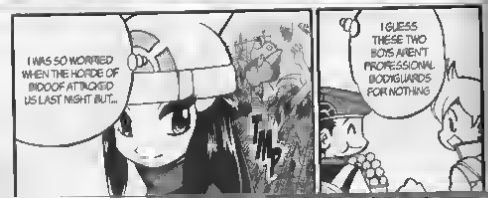
WE'RE PROFESSIONALS, AREN'T WE?
YES, WE ARE.
"ESCORT MISSY BERLITZ TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET"
THAT WAS THE MISSION WE WERE ENTRUSTED WITH, AND YET...
...."MISSY BERLITZ" OUR CLIENT, HAS FAILED TO SHOW UP AT THE APPOINTED PLACE AND TIME!
ROO
OOO
WHAT ON EARTH CAN THIS POSSIBLY MEAN?!
AR
WHO KNOWS?!
ZOOM
WITHOUT A DOUBT, WE ARE IN THIS SITUATION BECAUSE OF SOME ACCIDENT
WE MUST FIND A WAY TO RESCUE THIS GROUP AFTER ALL...
WE'RE STILL ON A MISSION!!
BAM
WE SHALL SEARCH!
FOR OUR CLIENT!!
GRASSSSH

FOR MISSY!!


I WAS SO WORRIED WHEN THE HORDE OF BIDOOF ATTACKED US LAST NIGHT BUT...
I GUESS THESE TWO BOYS AREN'T PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS FOR NOTHING

IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO PEG THEM AS INCOMPETENT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE AROUND MY AGE
TAP

SWOOSH
WHOA!!

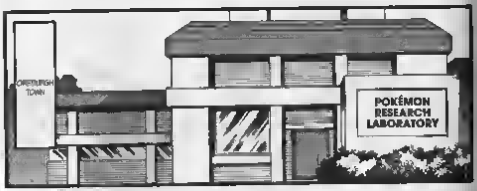
GROWL

W-WHAT THE ?!
WANNA FIGHT?
YOU CAN'T HAVE IT!
TUSTLE TUSTLE
OH!

SHEESH, WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
MAYBE ITSH DOESN'T LIKE GRASS DUMPLINGS...?
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA HOW DANGEROUS THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE MANSION IS?!
GRAMPS WAS RIGHT... ARRANGING FOR TWO OTHERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON MY JOURNEY WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO... THANK YOU, GRAMPS!
SAY, MISSY!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP WALKING DOWN THIS PATH, RIGHT MISSY?
YES.
SO WE'LL REACH THAT OREBURGH PLACE AT THE END OF THIS PATH, MISSY?
THAT'S RIGHT
I'M HUNGRY!... WHEN ARE WE HAVING LUNCH, MISSY?
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON.
OH YEAH, MISSY...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH CALLING THAT FEMALE "MISSY"?!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD YOUR CHARRO, PEARL?

MISSY! MISSY!
MISSY! MISSY!
PROTECT! PROTECT!
PROTECT! PROTECT!
HMM... THAT'S ALL HE'S BEEN SAYING EVER SINCE HE WENT TO THAT GIRL'S ROOM LAST NIGHT...
COULD THIS MEAN THAT "MISSY"...
...IS HER REAL NAME?
BUT OF COURSE! HER NAME IS MISTY, AND HER SURNAME IS "MY"!
...IT'S ALL SO SIMPLE LIKE THAT.
...AS IF!!
SMACK
NEVER MIND THAT...! SINCE WE'RE GONNA BE TOGETHER, I'LL DIG HER SECRET OUT IN NO TIME AT ALL!
WHAT FOR?!

SO THAT I CAN SELL A SCOOP TO JUBILIFE TV!
THE TOUR GUIDE IS A MISS?!
EEH?!
IT'S FINE! COME ON, LET'S PRACTICE WHILE WE WALK!
EEH?!
I'M THE FUNNY MAN AND YOU'RE THE STRAIGHT!
EEH?
BUT THE FOOD TOWN AUTHORITY
EEH!!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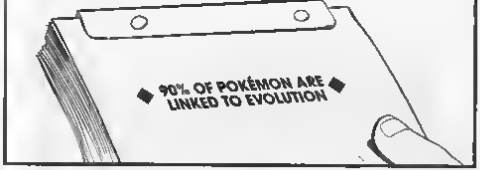
POKÉMON RESEARCH LABORATORY

WELCOME BACK, PROFESSOR ROWAN.
PHEW.
JUBILIFE TV'S COMMOTION IS OVER... NOW I CAN FINALLY CONCENTRATE ON RESTARTING MY RESEARCH.
LET ME SEE... HAVE YOU COMPILED THE DATA FOR TOMORROW'S ACADEMY CONFERENCE ABOUT "THE DIFFERENCE IN APPEARANCE BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE POKÉMON"?
OF COURSE! OH, AND THIS FILE CONTAINS DATA ABOUT "THE DIFFERENCE IN APPEARANCE BETWEEN POKÉMON IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN AREAS OF SINNOH"
THAT WAS FAST
NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC OF OUR RESEARCH...


◆ 90% OF POKÉMON ARE LINKED TO EVOLUTION ◆

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!!
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THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT "TYPES" OF POKÉMON OUT THERE, AREN'T THERE?
YOU DON'T SAY
FIRE-TYPE, WATER TYPE, GRASS-TYPE...
ELECTRIC TYPE
ROCK TYPE, POISON-TYPE GROUND-TYPE...
EATING-TYPE, EAT TILL YOU'RE-FULL TYPE...
YOU AND YOUR FOOD AGAIN?!
SMACK

EACH TYPE OF POKÉMON HAVE OTHER TYPES THEY ARE EITHER STRONG OR WEAK AGAINST. KNOWING THIS CAN HELP A TRAINER ATTACK MORE EFFICIENTLY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S CALLED?
TYPE... TYPE... TYPE...
SEE? THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT NOTHING BUT FOOD ALL DAY LONG!
BUT MY TYPE COMPATIBILITY WITH FOOD IS GREAT!
RIGHT ANSWER... WRONG SENTENCE!!
SMACK

HMM... MAYBE WE SHOULD CHANGE THE SCRIPT FOR THE SECOND GAG...
THEIR CONVERSATION JUST NOW MUST'VE BEEN ABOUT THEIR BODYGUARD TRAINING...
THEN AGAIN...
EXCUSE ME...
YEAH?
I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S PART OF YOUR TRAINING, BUT DOESN'T IT HURT TO SMACK HIM AROUND LIKE THAT?
TRAINING? OH, YOU MEAN OUR DOUBLE ACT?
OH, DON'T WORRY! IT DOESN'T HURT AS LOUD AS IT SOUNDS!
I'M GONNA HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH THAT FEAR...

THE MORE "SMACKS" YOU DO, THE BETTER THE RHYTHM, DON'T YOU KNOW
ALTHOUGH IT MAY JUST SEEM LIKE REPETITIVE SMACKING TO THE AUDIENCE, I CAN COMMUNICATE MY FEELINGS TO MY PARTNER VIA THE STRENGTH AND "RHYTHM" OF MY ACTIONS! LIKE "THAT WAS OKAY JUST NOW." OR "LOUDER, FOR GOODNESS SAKE!" ...STUFF LIKE THAT!
A DOUBLE ACT MUST HIT HARD FROM THE BOTTOM OF ONE'S HEART!
PERSONALLY I'D GO FOR THE SUBTLE APPROACH ANY DAY...
KEEK
HEY! STOP LAUGHING, CHIHIRO! I WAS BEING DEAD SERIOUS HERE!!
KUSTLE KUSTLE
OOH... IT'S JUST THE GRASS TICKLING HIS BACK AGAIN...
CLUNK

AH
EEP..! NOT AGAIN?!
IT'S THE POKÉMON THAT WAS IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL JUST NOW! THAT MEANS HE WAS FOLLOWING US ALL THIS TIME?!
TAP
GRAB
MAN!
MISS?!
EEEEEK!
DRAG DRAG DRAG

DRAG DRAG DRAG
PROTECT! PROTECT!
HOLD IT!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
STEP
IT'S A PRIDE OF SHINX AND LUXIO...
HE'S TRYING TO CATCH PREY FOR HIS FRIENDS THEN?
HO...IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY...

THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEING HOSTILE TO US IS THAT FELLA WHO TRAILED US FROM THE HOTEL!
THE OTHERS ARE... I DON'T KNOW... THEY SEEM MORE LIKE SPECTATORS?
MAYBE THIS GUY WANTS TO BATTLE US IN FRONT OF HIS PRIDE TO SHOW THEM HOW STRONG HE IS?
SO THAT'S WHY HE TOOK MISSY HOSTAGE!
VERY WELL! VIG! LAX! HOLD THAT LUXIO BACK WHILE I RESCUE MISSY...!
CHARGE!
KICK KICK KICK

GIRL... NEXT TIME YOU DO BATTLE, YOU MIGHT WANNA TAKE YOUR SISTER INTO ACCOUNT FIRST, HEY?
ROOOOAR
HM?
ROAR!
I KNEW IT!
HE'S BOASTING ABOUT HOW HE'S DEFEATED THE OPPONENTS WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
HE'S TRYING TO GET THEM TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM.
IN THAT CASE... IT WOULD MEAN THAT HE'S BEING OSTRACIZED BY HIS PRIDE WOULDN'T IT?
I WONDER WHY...
HMMM...
WHOA!
DASH

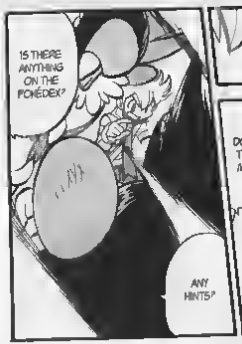
JUST DEFEATING DIA AND HIS POKÉMON WASN'T ENOUGH TO GET HIS PRIDE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM...
CHIMMY! CHIMMY! GET READY TO DEFEND!

THAT'S IT!!

IF RETURNING TO HIS PRIDE IS ALL HE WANTS TO DO, THEN I SAY WE GIVE 'IM A HELPING HAND, DIA!
YEAH! I'M ALL FOR THE IDEA! BUT HOW?

I GET IT NOW, DIA!

LUMIO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR COMRADES...
BY SENDING OUT ELECTRIC PULSES THROUGH THE CLAWS OF THEIR FRONT PAWS!


IS THERE ANYTHING ON THE POKÉDEX?
ANY HINTS?

AH HAH!
DON'T TELL ME...
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE

IT'S JUST LIKE HOW I USE THE RHYTHM OF MY FUNNY MAN "SMACK" TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY PARTNER!
HE'S BEING OSTRACIZED BECAUSE HIS CLAWS ARE CLIPPED AND CAN'T COMMUNICATE PROPERLY!
NOW THAT WE'RE CLEAR ABOUT THAT...
STOP! STOP!

LUXIO! NO, I MEAN... LUXIO!
YOU CAN STILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR COMRADES, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T ALWAYS GO WELL!
LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR PRIDE! DON'T WORRY, I'LL HELP YOU DO THE SMACKING!
OKAY, YOU GOT... HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THE POOR GUY'S INJURED?
JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND HIM AS WELL AS BEFORE...
...DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT...
LIFT
...TO OBSTRUCTLE HIM!!!
SMACK

LEAP

SWISH
I THINK HE GOT THROUGH TO THEM!
YEAH! BECAUSE HE HIT 'EM FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART!
SWISH

SWISH
SWISH

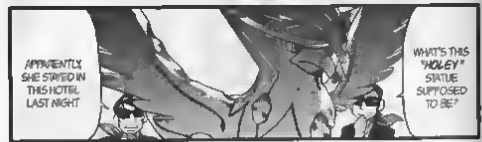
...YOU WERE PRACTISING MY FUNNY MAN MOVE JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?
NO! I WASN'T.

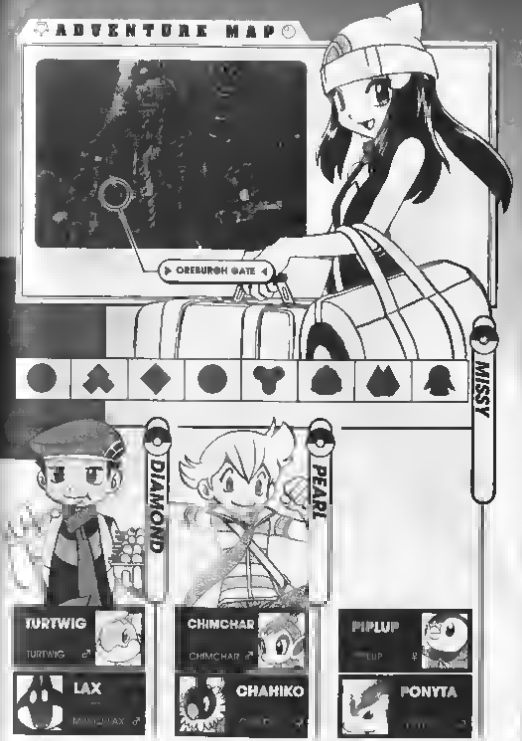
YOU SO WERE TOO!! I'M SURE OF IT!
NO! I WASN'T. DON'T BE A PEST.
WELL NOW, SHALL WE GO?

GRAMPS... IT'S AN INTERESTING WORLD OUT THERE
I'VE LEARNT SO MANY THINGS I WOULDN'T OTHERWISE HAVE IF I'D STAYED COOPED UP AT HOME!

SEEMS LIKE WE'VE TAKEN A SHORTCUT THROUGH ROUTE 203 AFTER ALL THAT RUNNING AROUND IN THE GRASSLANDS...
LOOK! I CAN SEE THE ENTRANCE OF THE NEXT TOWN FROM HERE

OREBURGH GATE!
ONCE WE PASS THE GATE, WE'LL BE AT OREBURGH CITY!


APPARENTLY, SHE STAYED IN THIS HOTEL LAST NIGHT.
WHAT'S THIS "HOLEY" STATUE SUPPOSED TO BE?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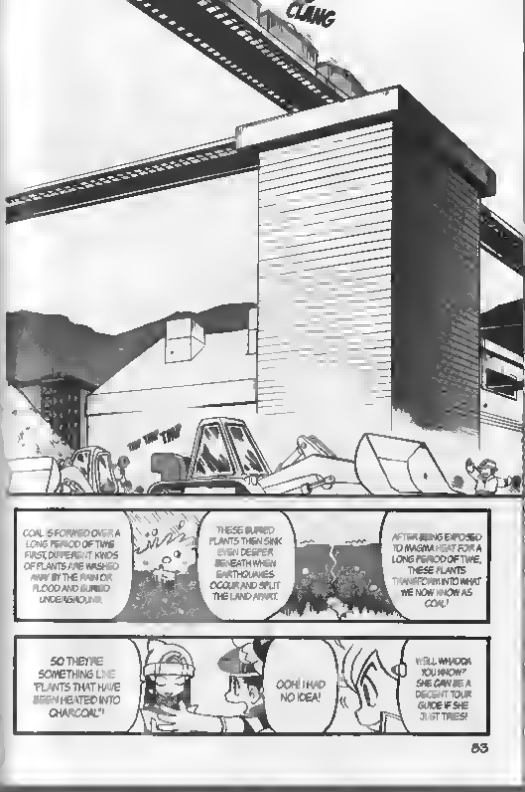
YES!!
WE MADE IT THROUGH OREBURGH GATE!
WE'RE FINALLY AT OUR NEXT CITY!
LET ME SEE... THIS CITY...
OREBURGH CITY
ACCORDING TO THE TOWN MAP ACQUIRED AT JUBILIFE CITY...
IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT OREBURGH CITY IS "A COAL TOWN BLESSED BY NATURE AND OVERFLOWING WITH ENERGY."
A COAL TOWN, EH...
A NICE SPOT...

IT'S A TOWN THAT MINES FOR COALS!
COAL...
SIGH...
AAH...
OOMPH!!
...AAH! I'M SO TIRED...
KICK
BUT OF COURSE! YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF... YOU MORON!!
"COAL" IS AN ENERGY RESOURCE THAT IS DUG FROM UNDERGROUND MINES


CLANG
TIP TIP TIP
COAL IS FORMED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. FIRST, DIFFERENT KINDS OF PLANTS ARE WASHED AWAY BY THE RAIN OR FLOOD AND BURIED UNDERGROUND.
THESE BURIED PLANTS THEN SINK EVEN DEEPER BENEATH WHEN EARTHQUAKES OCCUR, AND SPLIT THE LAND APART.
AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO MAGMA HEAT FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THESE PLANTS TRANSFORM INTO WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS COAL!
SO THEY'RE SOMETHING LIKE "PLANTS THAT HAVE BEEN HEATED INTO CHARCOAL"!
OOH! I HAD NO IDEA!
WELL, WHOOA YOU KNOW? SHE CAN BE A DECENT TOUR GUIDE IF SHE JUST TRIES!

PEARL! MISSY! WATCH OUT!
BUBBLE BUBBLE
BIG HISS
THAT WAS SCARY, YOU ALL RIGHT, MISSY?
YES...
THANK YOU PIPLUP!
HEY, YELLER!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YELLER?!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I GOTTA TELL YA NOT TO PLAY WITH THE CONTROLS OF THE MACHINES?!
WELL, IT'S MY BACK! MY BACK! MY BACK!
W...WHAT'S YELLER?
MY BACK! AH... THAT'S THE NAME OF THIS PSYDUCK, Y'SEE...
WELL, I SWEAR THIS THING WAS BORN TO BE A HANDFUL! WELL...MY BAD 'BOUT THAT! I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN PUT UP WITH YOU...MY BACK!

A MACHAMP WITH NO SENSE OF SOPHISTICATION WHATSOEVER...
HE SAID "WELL" FOUR TIMES...
...AND "MY BACK" SIX TIMES!
PUT UP WITH IT?

YOU WISH TO PUT UP WITH US? THAT MEANS YOU'D BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING WE REQUEST YOU TO?
IN THAT CASE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SHOW ME THE INSIDES OF THE MINES!
!!!

I COULD FEEL IT WHEN THE STEAM FROM THE AIR VENT WASHED OVER ME JUST NOW...
THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN READING ABOUT SOMETHING FROM A BOOK AND ACTUALLY EXPERIENCING IT IN PERSON!
IF I ENTER THE MINES, I'LL BE ABLE TO TOUCH REAL COALS.
THEY MAY EVEN LET ME DIG FOR SOME COALS MYSELF!!
TOSS!
DIG!
TOSS!
TOSS!
NO! I WAS NOT
YOU SEE...
NO, I MOST EMPHATICALLY WAS NOT!
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MINES HERE'S ROARK. HE'S NOT AROUND, SO I CAN'T LET YOU DO MUCH, BUT...
WELL, IF YOU JUST WANT A TOUR OF THE MINES, THEN THAT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
AND THE WORKERS ARE HAVING A HOLIDAY TODAY, ANYWAY... BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA GO?
OF COURSE!

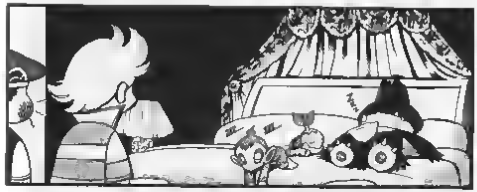
OH, REALLY? IN THAT CASE, LET'S FOLLOW HER ORDERS AND GO FIND THAT INN, DIA!
MMMMM!
?!!
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT I'M ALLOWED TO VISIT THE MINES BY MYSELF?
YEAH, SURE! HAVE A NICE TOUR, MISSY!
W-WAIT FOR ME, PEARL!
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD LET HER GO ALONE?!
WHY NOT? IT'S BETTER THAT WAY
FIGHT! WE'RE GONNA FIND A HOTEL SO GRAND AND LUXURIOUS THAT SHE'D FLIP OVER IT.
EEH?!
WE'LL PRACTICE OUR DOUBLE ACT IN A DELUXE SUITE!
EEH?!
I'M THE FUNNY MAN AND YOU'RE THE STOOGE!
EEH?!
PUT THE ROOF DOWN, ALREADY!
EEH?!
THANK GOODNESS! MY PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS HAVE GIVEN ME PERMISSION TO GO AHEAD!!
IT MUST BE BECAUSE THEY DON'T SEE ANYTHING DANGEROUS ABOUT ME GOING ON A TOUR OF THE MINES BY MYSELF!

THIS WAY, PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP NOW!

HOTEL GREAT OREBURGH
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...

THE BEST PART OF TRAINING POKÉMON IS THEIR "EVOLUTION"!!
YOU DON'T SAY!
IT'S SOOO EXCITING TO WATCH THEM BECOME STRONGER AND EVOLVE INTO NEW FORMS!
OH?
IT'S LIKE A REVOLUTION OF CONFUSION.
YOU'RE THE CONFUSED ONE HERE!
SMACK

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF EVOLUTION, RIGHT?
MACHOP EVOLVES INTO MACHOKE, AND PSYDUCK EVOLVES INTO GOLDUCK!
EARTH! EVOLVES INTO MAGNITUDE!
CLEFAIRY INTO CLEFABLE! PICHU INTO PIKACHU!
TENTA-CRUEL!
TENTA-COOL INTO TENTA-CRUEL!
OH, YES! LET'S KEEP GOING! ANABEL INTO ANABELLE!
RICE BALLS INTO FRIED RICE BALLS! BUCKWHEAT NOODLES INTO FRIED BUCKWHEAT NOODLES!
FOOD DOES NOT EVOLVE, YOU NINNY!
SMACK!



OKAY, DIA! LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN!
SURE...
BUT DOESN'T IT FEEL KINDA SAD? ALL THE POKÉMON ARE TAKING A SIESTA...
BESIDES... ARE WE REALLY STAYING IN THIS AWESOME HOTEL TONIGHT?
IT'S FINE! THE GUIDE IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE TRAVEL BUDGET, RIGHT? SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED US TO LOOK FOR A HOTEL IF SHE'S GOING TO COMPLAIN

ALL THAT ASIDE... I STILL FEEL WE SHOULD'VE FOLLOWED MISSY TO THE MINES...
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO GO, YKNOW.
SINCE SHE DIDN'T INVITE US, IT'D BE STRANGE IF WE TAGGED ALONG WOULDN'T IT?

BUT DON'T YOU THINK MISSY HAS THIS TENDENCY TO FALL INTO THE "DAMSEL IN DISTRESS" ROLE?
REMEMBER THE SIBLINGS THE RODOKS, AND THE LUXIO?
SHUFFLE
I THINK THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE SHE MIGHT MEET UP WITH SOMETHING SIMILAR AGAIN...
I SAY, DIA... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!

EVEN IF SHE DOES...
DON'T FORGET THAT SHE HAS POKÉMON WITH HER AS WELL! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PIPLUP WHO STOPPED A BULLDOZER WITH A MERE "BUBBLE" ATTACK!
THAT PIPLUP WAS HIDING HER STRENGTH ALL THIS TIME.
OH YEAH... SHE HADN'T BEEN DOING ANYTHING IN THE BATTLES WE'VE ENCOUNTERED SO FAR...
THAT THING'S GOTTA BE A LOT MORE RELIABLE THAN US!
SO LIKE I SAID... ...THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!
FLIP FLIP
WEELLL, MY BAD! MY BAD!
THE COAL MINE IS LOCATED SOUTH OF OREBURGH TOWN, MAN!
HUH? CHAHKO IS MIMICKING THE SPEECH PATTERN OF THAT MINER JUST NOW!
AAH!
MY BAD! MY BAD!
OH, I GET IT! YOU MADE CHAHKO MEMORISE MISSY'S LOCATION SO THAT WE CAN PUSH THERE QUICKLY IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS!!
I DID NOT!!

I...I WAS GOING TO MAKE SOME QUIPS ABOUT COAL MINES IN OUR NEXT DOUBLE ACT SO...
YOU KNOW, I NEEDED INSPIRATION AND STUFF...
AARGH!! NOTHING BEATS SEEING THE REAL THING WITH OUR OWN EYES! CHAHKO! BRING US TO THE MINES!
STOP
WAKE UP, CHAHKO! LET'S GO!!
AND THIS IS THE "SHEAR HEAP"!
A HEAP OF SOIL THAT WAS DUG OUT IN THE PROCESS OF MINING FOR COAL!
OH, BY THE WAY THE PEOPLE OF HOENN CALL IT THE "COAL WASTE HEAP" FOR SOME REASON. LITTLE TRIVIA FOR YOU THERE!
WOW, IT'S SO AMAZING!
WELL, MY BAD, MY BAD! DO YOU FIND THIS TOUR INTERESTING AT ALL?
YES! VERY MUCH, INDEED !!
WELL THEN... WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN ALMOST EVERYTHING BY NOW...
CLANK!!

OH...
WHAT'S THAT CAVE SUPPOSED TO BE?
OH, THAT? NOTHIN' WORTH SEEIN', REALLY...
THIS IS WHERE THE FORE-MAN...
VROOM
AH!!
THAT YELLOW THING... NOT AGAIN!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
VROOM
CHIRP CHIRP
I WONDER WHAT THAT IS...
CHIRP CHIRP
IT SOUNDS SO BEAUTIFUL...
CHIRP CHIRP
JUST A LITTLE...

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
KYAH!!
JUMP
SLAM!

IS THIS IT, CHAHKO?!
"
HOLD IT, CHAHKO! CHAHKO!
GRAB
THE BATTLE
IS OVER!
FLOP

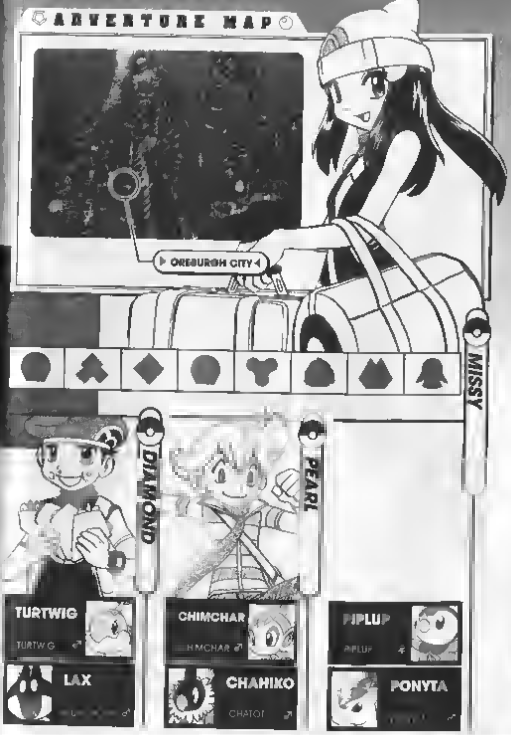
SHE DEFEATED THE KRICKETOT ALL BY HERSELF?
GREAT JOB.
YES... I THINK SO TOO...
MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE SUDDENLY BECAME SO FIRED UP AFTER WE ARRIVED HERE...
I BROUGHT HER ALONG BECAUSE I WAS ASKED TO OBSERVE HER GROWTH IN THE COURSE OF MY JOURNEY BUT... I GUESS THE PIPLUP HAD HER OWN INSTINCTIVE DESIRE AS WELL...?
MISSY, THIS PIPLUP...
...WAS PROBABLY BOTHERED THAT SHE WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLES WE HAD ENCOUNTERED SO FAR.
SHOVE
OH DEAR! WELL, YOU CAME INTO THE CAVE AND BATTLED HERE? MY BAD!
MR. FOREMAN
WHAT IS THIS CAVE ANYWAY?
IT WAS ROARK'S IDEA!
HE WANTED THE MINES TO BE BOTH A PLACE FOR DIGGING FOR COAL AS WELL AS A PLACE FOR TRAINING POKÉMON!

NO WONDER! THESE GUYS WERE JUST ITCHING FOR A FIGHT! I BET THEY THOUGHT MISSY AND PIPLUP WERE THEIR NEW TRAINING TARGETS!
PIPLUP MAY HAVE STOPPED A BULLDOZER IN ITS TRACKS, BUT SHE'S NO MATCH FOR THESE WELL-TRAINED HRICKETOT!
BUT...
NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON...
...IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT PIPLUP'S PRIDE HAS BEEN DEEPLY WOUNDED...
I HAVE TO TRY TO HELP HER REGAIN HER SELF-RESPECT
WELL... HOW ABOUT CHALLENGING THE POKÉMON GYM, THEN?
POKÉMON GYM? WHAT'S THAT?
HUH? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A GYM IS?
POKÉMON GYMS ARE OFFICIAL AGENCIES THAT NURTURE LIP AND COMING POKÉMON TRAINERS. IT'S A SYSTEM WHERE GYM LEADERS MEASURE THE ABILITIES OF NORMAL TRAINERS WHO CHALLENGE THEM!
GYM

IF THE GYM LEADER ACKNOWLEDGES THE CHALLENGER'S ABILITIES...
OF COURSE! THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP PIPLUP OVERCOME HER INSECURITY!
HOW ABOUT IT, PIPLUP?
STAND
GREAT! LET'S RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR NOW THEN. WHICH HOTEL ARE WE STAYING IN TONIGHT?
GRM.
WELL... MUMBLE MUMBLE...
YES?
THE SUPER CELEB SUITE ROOM OF HOTEL GREAT OREBURGH...
WHAT?!
THAT'S SUCH A PLAIN AND LOW-KEY BUDGET HOTEL.
WHAT?!
ALL STAFF, PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE INN!

ROARK'S BACK!!

PEARL! MISSY
WHERE ARE YOU?!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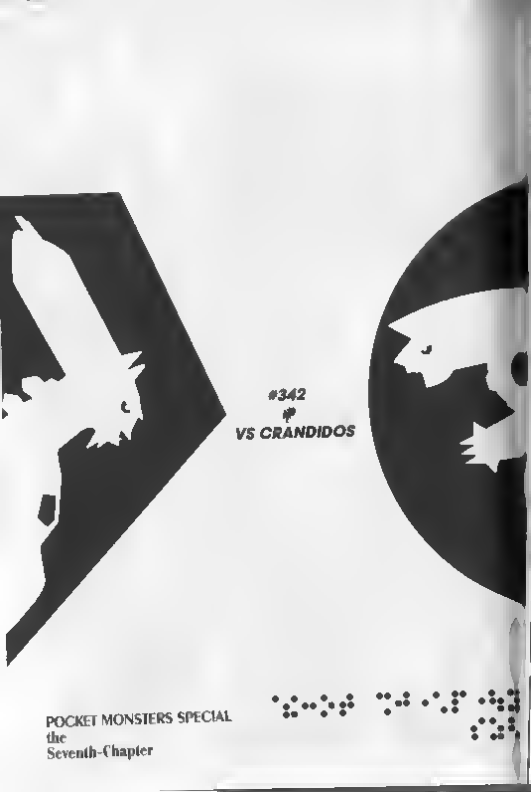

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VS CRANDIDOS

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

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TIGHTEN
ALL RIGHT! LET'S BEGIN!
I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO BATTLE FROM THE BOTH OF YOU!
LET'S BEGIIINN! BEGIIINN!
CHAM-CHAM!
HWASH

TMP TMP TMP
AND SO BEGINS MISSY AND PIPLUP'S SPECIAL TRAINING!
YESTERDAY...
IT'S ROARK!!
I'M BACK!
SORRY FOR LEAVING THE COAL MINING TO YOU GUYS ALL THIS TIME...
SO HOW'D IT GO?
THUD
I HAD SO MUCH FUN EXPLORING THE UNDER-GROUND WITH "GRANDPA UNDER-GROUND"...
WE SPENT SO LONG DIGGING THAT I ALMOST COULDN'T STOP! I COMPLETELY FORGOT THE TIME...
ALSO DUG OUT ALL THESE GEMS, ETC.
SKULL FOSSIL...
ARMOR FOSSIL...
CLAW FOSSIL...
JAW FOSSIL...
REVIVE FOSSIL...
HMMMM...

THESE THINGS AREN'T THE REASON I CAME BACK LATE THOUGH...
I WAS LATE BECAUSE I DROPPED BY CANALAVE CITY ON MY WAY BACK!
HUH? SO YOU MET UP WITH NOT JUST YOUR GRANDFATHER, BUT YOUR FATHER AS WELL?
YES, HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TO TELL ME SO I MADE A DETOUR. HE SURE IS A BUSY PERSON ALL RIGHT
HMM?
AND WHO IS THIS LADY HERE?
AH! WELL, MY DEAR, ROARK! THIS MISSY HERE WISHES TO TAKE ON THE GYM CHALLENGE!
I SEE! SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING! ARE YOU ON A JOURNEY?
YES!
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF WE HOLD THE CHALLENGE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW?
YES
GREAT! JUST COME FIND ME WHENEVER YOU'RE READY!
OKAY!
TOWN!
WOW!
AH! THERE YOU ARE!
FOUND YOU GUYS AT LAST!
THUMP
THUMP
PIPLUP TRIED TO PROTECT MISSY, BUT SHE WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH.
IN ORDER TO REGAIN HER CONFIDENCE AND SELF-RESPECT, SHE HAS DECIDED TO CHALLENGE ROARK, THE GYM LEADER OF OREBURGH CITY.
WELL... EVEN SO, PEARL...
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE THE ONES TRAINING HER?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY COMBAT SKILLS WE CAN TEACH HER.
YES, BUT DAR... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!
DID YOU SEE THAT FIERCE DETERMINATION TO WIN THE GYM CHALLENGE IN PIPLUP'S EYES YESTERDAY?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST A POKÉMON WHO WAS RECKLESSLY PROUD, BUT MAN, THOSE EYES SENT A CHILL UP MY SPINE!
IF YOU ASK ME...
...ALL SHE LACKS IS SHEER WILLPOWER TO SUCCEED
TO ME EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH ONE'S WILLPOWER!
GULP

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO HELP THEM!
I'M GONNA MAKE PIPLUP GAIN ENOUGH WILLPOWER TO WIN THE GYM CHALLENGE AT ALL COSTS!!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, MISS!! KEEP GOING!
BUBBLE BUBBLE
AVOID THE OPPONENT'S ATTACK QUICKLY AND MOVE BEHIND HIM!
POOF
STAB
"PECK"!!
"BUBBLE"!!

GOOD JOB!
OH, AND DIA, MISS! MAY BE A REGULAR DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, BUT HER KNOWLEDGE IS NOTHING TO BE SCOFFED AT! SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER!
RIGHT?
YES!
FIRE IS STRONG AGAINST GRASS, GRASS IS STRONG AGAINST WATER, WATER IS STRONG AGAINST FIRE! THESE ARE THE TYPE COMPATIBILITIES!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

I'VE BEGUN READING A LOT OF DIFFERENT BOOKS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE MY KNOWLEDGE AT LEAST 10 BOOKS A DAY!
OH, NO...
WHOA... IT ONLY TAKES THREE LINES OF TEXT TO HYPNOTIZE ME INTO DREAMLAND...
BUT WHAT ONE READS FROM BOOKS...
...AND WHAT ONE EXPERIENCES IN REAL LIFE IS JUST SO DIFFERENT!

FIGHT!! TURTWIG WILL BE YOUR NEXT SPARRING PARTNER!
EEH..?!

DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS?
OF COURSE! IT'S NOT A TRAINING SESSION IF SHE ONLY BATTLES CHIMCHO, Y'KNOW
YOU ARE TO BECOME THE IMAGINARY GYM LEADER, ROARK!
EEH?!
HURRY UP! PIPLUP'S WAITING!!
EEH?!
BUT THE RULES SAID NURSERY!
EEH?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MISSY? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK?
NO...!
IF THIS HELPS PIPLUP REGAIN HER SELF-RESPECT, THEN...!
THESE TOP-CLASS PROFESSIONALS ARE TAKING TIME OUT TO TRAIN AN AMATEUR LIKE ME... THIS IS PURE BLISS
I MUST DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE! AND BESIDES...

THAT'S ALL THE INFORMATION WE'LL NEED.
I NEED A BREATHER. LET'S HAVE THE RED BEAN DUMPLINGS THAT'S IN THE REFRIGERATOR!
ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR ROWAN.
OH, BY THE WAY, WHERE ABOUTS IS YOUR DAUGHTER NOW?
CHOMP CHOMP
HMMM? THE SLIGHTEST IDEA, REALLY...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT ALL THAT WORRIED.
IT'S NATURAL FOR A GIRL OF HER AGE TO FEEL CURIOUS ABOUT PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING... I'M SURE SHE'D WANT TO TRY OUT AS MANY THINGS AS SHE CAN IN THE COURSE OF HER JOURNEY.
...BUT I DID TELL HER TO AGREE TO THE JUDGMENT OF HER TWO BODYGUARDS BEFORE SHE DOES ANYTHING...
IF THEY ARE OKAY WITH IT, THEN SHE'S FREE TO PROCEED. IF THEY FEEL THAT IT'S TOO DANGEROUS, THEN SHE HAS TO STOP.
I SEE
ALL RIGHT! I'M READY TO SET OFF ANYTIME WHAT ABOUT YOU?
POUR
READY WHEN YOU ARE LET'S GO, PROFESSOR!
THAT'S AN EXCELLENT PIECE OF ADVICE.
ARE YOU GOING TO EAT THAT?
PLEASE DO WASH...

THE ACADEMY CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT CANALAVE CITY?
THAT'S RIGHT!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON,
THINKING OF POKÉMON MAKES ME THINK OF THE GYM CHALLENGES IN THE DIFFERENT CITIES!
YOU DON'T SAY
DID YOU KNOW THAT EACH GYM LEADER HAS THEIR VERY OWN UNIQUE TITLE?
ROARK'S TITLE IS "ROARK THE ROCK"!! HOW COOL!!
THINK THE MORE-EXCITED-YOU-LOOK-THE-MORE-EXCITED-THEY-ARE-TO-BATTLE-YOU TRICK...
IT'S TASTY!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ROWAP BERRY!!
"ROCK" AS IN THE TYPE OF POKÉMON HE'S GOOD WITH.
YOU DON'T SAY
LOTS OF GYM LEADERS FOCUS ON ONLY ONE PARTICULAR TYPE OF POKÉMON, SO YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE SPECIALISTS!
WHOA... I'D SAY!
THAT WOULD MEAN THEY'RE TOO SPECIALIZED TO KNOW ANYTHING ELSE...
YOU NEED SOME KIND OF SPECIAL HELP!!
OH!
SMACK

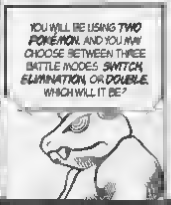
AH, PIPLUP
AH, PIPLUP
AH, PIPLUP
MISSY'S REALLY GIVING HER ALL!
YEAH... SHE KEEPS TRAINING EVEN WHEN WE'RE PRACTICING OUR DOUBLE ACT!
LOOKS LIKE SHE JUST MIGHT COMPLETE THE TRAINING SCHEDULE I PASSED HER!
THE NEXT DAY
GROAAN

WHOOOAAHH!!

THIS IS CREEPY GYM...?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING WHAT A GYM LOOKS LIKE!

WELCOME TO THE GYM, CHILDREN OF PROMISE

WHO IS THE TRAINER WHO MADE THE APPOINTMENT?
THAT WOULD BE ME.
I SHALL EXPLAIN THE RULES.

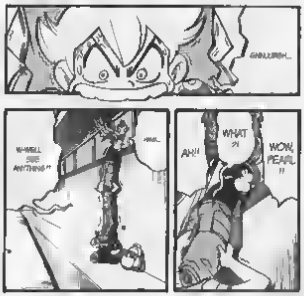

YOU WILL BE USING TWO POKÉMON, AND YOU MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN THREE BATTLE MODES: SWITCH, ELIMINATION, OR DOUBLE. WHICH WILL IT BE?

I CHOOSE THE SWITCH BATTLE MODE!
VERY WELL.
PLEASE USE THE STAIRS OR HANGING BRIDGES TO MOVE DEEPER INTO THE GYM. ROARK IS IN THE INNERMOST CHAMBER.
ALL RIGHT
I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT ROARK WON'T BE YOUR ONLY OPPONENT.
IF YOU MEET UP WITH ANY WAITING TRAINERS ALONG THE WAY YOU WILL HAVE TO DO BATTLE WITH THEM ON THE SPOT SO PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP
EEH!!
BOOM
KYAAH!!
IT SURE SOUNDS TOUGH, BUT WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.
PIPLUP!
YOU'RE GOING TO USE "POUND"? YOU SHOULD USE "SUBSOLE"!!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
HMM?!

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU GUYS ARE NOT CHALLENGERS... SO WHO ARE YOU?
WELL, WE'RE...
HER SECONDS! YKNOW, LIKE HER COACHES OR SOMETHING!
HMM... BUT IT WON'T BE A FAIR GYM MATCH IF YOU KEEP GIVING HER ADVICE SO...
..BUT YOU GO!" OH, AND B! THE VAN FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT ALLOWED INSIDE THE GYM.!
TOOT

SHOOT.. WHAT NOW PEARL...?
WE'RE NOT GONNA SIT HERE FOREVER, IF THAT YOUTRE ASKING! C'MON LET'S FIND A WAY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE!
OUTSIDE

PEARL, THESE ARE THE ONLY WINDOWS HERE I THINK.
EXCELLENT! WE'LL CLIMB ON TOP OF EACH OTHER AND MAKE A PLATFORM. DIA, YOU DO THE PEEKING!
EEH!


GWAUUGH...
"I WON'T SEE ANYTHING"
WHAT ?!
AH!!
WOW, PEARL !!

MISSY'S MANAGED TO DEFEAT BOTH THE TRAINERS AND THE LABYRINTH...
WHAT'S OUR NAME?
MY NAME IS...
...TO REACH ROARK. I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT...
ALL RIGHT!
LET US BEGIN!
CRANIDOS!!
PIPLUP!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
GO!!!
CRACKLE

"SHOCK WAVE"!!
CRASH
CRASH
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING BY SENDING A WATER-TYPE IN FIRST TO DEAL WITH CRANIDOS. AFTER ALL, I'M A ROCK-TYPE EXPERT!
BUT!
YOUR STRATEGY MADE IT HARDER FOR ME TO COME UP WITH A COUNTER-MEASURE!
I DECIDED TO STRIKE FIRST BY ATTACKING YOUR PIPLUP WITH AN ELECTRIC-TYPE ATTACK.
LOOKS LIKE THE BATTLE IS ALREADY OVER.
LET'S SWITCH TO OUR OTHER POKÉMON FOR NOW. CRANIDOS, RETURN.
SMACK
HE'S RIGHT... I WAS TRYING TO MAKE USE OF THEIR TYPE COMPATIBILITIES...
...BUT MY REAL MOTIVE FOR TAKING PART IN THE GYM CHALLENGE WAS TO TRY TO HELP PIPLUP SALVAGE HER SELF-RESPECT.

EVERYTHING WILL BE IN VAIN...
...IF I DON'T USE PIPLUP TO WIN THE CHALLENGE!
PIPLUP... I'LL HAVE TO SWITCH YOU OUT TEMPORARILY!
PUFF
ROOOOOOOOOAR
LOOKS LIKE THE TIDES HAVE TURNED IN MY FAVOR! IT'S ROCK VERSUS FIRE NOW!
ONIX! "DOUBLE EDGE"!

THUMP
"DOUBLE EDGE"... A RISKY ATTACK THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY DEALS GREAT DAMAGE TO THE OPPONENT...
...AND INFLICTS DAMAGE ON ONESELF!
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT ONIX'S ABILITY IS "ROCK HEAD"! THAT MEANS HE WON'T RECEIVE ANY RECOIL DAMAGE FROM THAT MOVE!
OKAY! TIME TO PILE ON THE PRESSURE
SWING
RUMBLE
"STEALTH ROCK"!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE, DIA...?!
ROARK'S ONIX JUST USED "STEALTH ROCK"!

"STEALTH ROCK" IS A SKILL THAT AIMS, NOT FOR THE POKÉMON THAT'S CURRENTLY IN THE BATTLEFIELD, BUT FOR THE POKÉMON THAT WILL BE SWITCHING IN NEXT!
IN OTHER WORDS...
HE'S AIMING FOR PIPLUP!
"SLAM"!!
THUMP
THUMP
THIS PONYTA HAS ALREADY BEEN KNOCKED OUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO SWITCH PIPLUP IN AGAIN!
WHAT!
BOOM
PIPLUP!!
BAM
BAM
BAM

SWASH
CHIKO KNOCKED OUT BY A WATER TYPE AT POINT BLANK RANGE! CAN'T BE HELPED I GUESS...
ONE MORE TIME
GRAAHHH!!
BOOM
THUD
LET'S SEE IF YOUR PIPLUP CAN STAND ON HER OWN AGAINST MY CRANIDOS...
...AFTER BEING HIT BY BOTH "SHOCK WAVE" AND "STEALTH ROCK"!!
DON'T GIVE UP, PIPLUP!!
YOU'RE THE WEAKEST IN TERMS OF TYPE COMPATIBILITY!
IS THAT SO?
TAP TAP TAP

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
TOMP
"DOUBLE TEAM"!!

SWISH
SWISH
SWISH

YOU MAY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE TYPE-WISE, BUT...
...IT'S USELESS IF YOU CAN'T HIT THE TARGET.
WHAT'S HAPPENING, DAD?
NOT GOOD! BOTH MISSY AND PIPLUP ARE AT THEIR WITS' END!

THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE
DON'T YOU DARE LOSE THIS MATCH!!
COME ON, MISSY... REMEMBER THE DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF ATTACK YOU WENT THROUGH IN THE TRAINING MENU!
TRY TO RECALL THAT COMBINATION
THE PENALTY FOR LOSING IS ONE MILLION DOLLARS, YOU GOT THAT?!

HEY, YOU TWO!
ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO GIVE ADVICE TO THIS CHALLENGER?

OH NO... HE'S ANGRY AT US AGAIN...
ALL RIGHT, DIA...
...

LET'S PRACTICE OUR DOUBLE ACT HERE!
YEAH! LIKE THIS?!
YES! LET'S DO IT!

W...WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
W...WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...
GYM
POKÉMON HAVE LOTS OF DIFFERENT NAMES, DON'T THEY?
YOU DON'T SAY.
SO MANY THAT YOU SOMETIMES MISTAKE ONE FOR THE OTHER, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S THE TRIPLE TRUTH!!
IS THAT SO...
WELL LET'S PRACTICE SAYING AS MANY AS WE CAN IN QUICK SUCCESSION!!
RHYDON, GRAOUDON, GASTRODON, PORYGON, PLUSON, BASON, SHELLSON.
HAUNTERS HAUNTING HAUNTED HAUNTS!
THE COMBUSHEN-COMBE COMBINATION CONCLUDED THE CONTEST WITH A CONFOUNDING COMBO

C-C-C-CONF! YOU'RE CONFUSED!
CONFUSED...!!
PIPLUP!!
SLOW!
IT WON'T WORK.
CRAMBOT
LET'S FINISH THIS! KEEP YOURSELF IN "DOUBLE TEAM" MODE...
...AND USE "ZEN HEAD BUTT"!!
DASH

SCHHHUMP

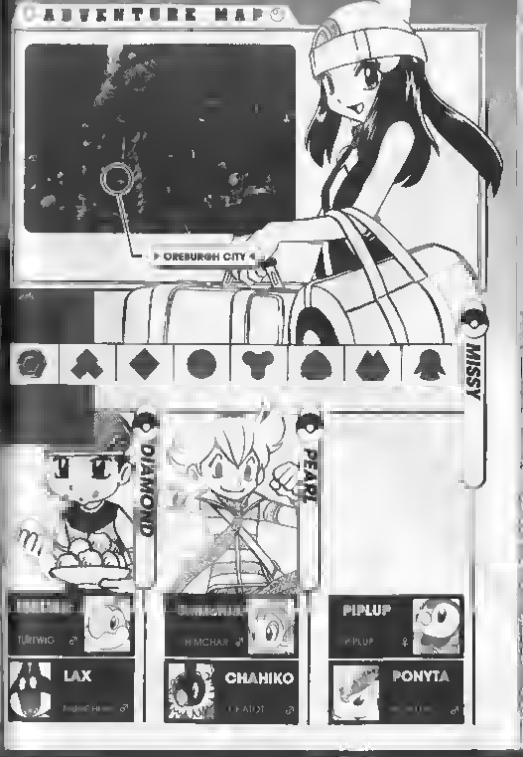
!!!
CARNIVORE?
CHOMP
CHOMP!
CHOMP!
HE'S IN "CONFUSION"!!
AND IT'S MAKING HIM ATTACK HIMSELF!!
CRASH
WOBBLE WOBBLE
FLOP
I SEE... THIS PIPLUP
I THOUGHT THAT BIG SPLASH JUST NOW WAS JUST A NORMAL ATTACK, BUT...
SPLASH
...IT WAS ACTUALLY "WATER PULSE", AN ATTACK WHICH ALSO HAS THE ADDITIONAL EFFECT OF THROWING THE OPPONENT INTO "CONFUSION"!!

BE-BEEP
ROARK'S CRANIOS HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! THEREFORE, THE WINNER OF THIS MATCH IS...
I... THEY DID IT!...
WHISK
THE CHALLENGER!
WAH??!
THUMP
YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME THERE!
I HADN'T COUNTED ON CRANIOS KNOCKING HANGELF OUT AT ALL
BUT A LOSS IS A LOSS, SO...
...HERE YOU GO! AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR ABILITIES...
...THE COAL BADGE!

OH! SO THIS GYM SYSTEM REWARDS THE WINNER WITH JEWELRY.
WHERE SHOULD I WEAR THIS...?
CONGRATULATIONS, MEEP!
THANK YOU
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY REGAINED HER SELF-CONFIDENCE.
THAT'S GREAT.

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE HINT THE BOTH OF YOU GAVE ME DURING THE MATCH.
DON'T MENTION IT...
HEY, MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING...?
HOTEL
HMM?
WITH FATHER AND MAY ARE BATTLE PROFESSIONALS!
AS TO BE EXPECTED FROM A BODYGUARD HANDPICKED BY MY FATHER AND PROFESSOR ROWAN!
WHEN I WAS BATTLING THE BOY IN SHORTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTERING THE GYM, YOU SAID I SHOULD HAVE USED "BUBBLE" INSTEAD OF "POUND", RIGHT?
AH...
IT'S ALMOST AS IF YOU COULD TELL WHAT SKILL I WAS GOING TO USE. HOW DID YOU KNOW?
OH, YES... PEARL'S GREAT AT THAT!
HE CAN TELL WHAT SKILL THE POKÉMON IS GOING TO USE JUST BY WATCHING THEIR STANCES!
THEIR STANCES?
MORE OR LESS... I GUESS I WAS PROBABLY INFLUENCED BY MY FATHER?
OH, RIGHT... GUESS THERE WAS NO USE FOR T IN THE END AFTER ALL...
NO USE FOR WHAT?
I HAVE IT ON HAND, SO I HAD IT PREPARED IN CASE I REALLY DID LOSE
WHOOA!!!
THE PENALTY FEE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
WHOA, PEARL... I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH MONEY IN MY LIFE...
I...I'M FEELING A BIT WOOZY... CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE... GONNA GO BACK TO MY ROOM AND SLEEP IT OFF...
BEEP
YOUR FATHER?
HE'S BEEN AWAY FROM HOME A LOT SINCE I WAS VERY YOUNG SO I DON'T KNOW HIM ALL THAT WELL, BUT...
...SEEMS LIKE HE'S REALLY GOOD WITH POKÉMON BATTLES OR SOMETHING. I WROTE DOWN THAT TRAINING MENU FOR YOU WHILE THINKING ABOUT THAT, TOO...
REMEMBER MAY? HE'S THERE NOW...

PEARL MUST BE REALLY TIRED... I WAS STANDING ON HIS SHOULDERS THE WHOLE TIME DURING THE GYM BATTLE!
"
WHY DOES HE PUSH HIMSELF SO HARD...?
ZZZ...
PEARL NEVER GIVES UP UNTIL HE ACHIEVES WHAT HE HAS SET OUT TO DO
...AND I ALREADY DECIDED HE WAS GOING TO MAKE PIPLUP REGAIN HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE, NO MATTER WHAT.
HIS DETERMINATION IS ROCK-SOLID!
THE ULTIMATE TOUGHNESS!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BEEP
THUMP
GET A GRIP!
GOOD ON EVERYBODY!
WE'RE PEARL AND DIAMOND FROM TWINLEAF TOWN!
THE WINNERS OF THE NEW AGE SWING-UP COMEDY GRAND PRIX ARE...
PEARL AND DIAMOND!
AND THIS IS YOUR PRIZE!
THE BOTH OF YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THIS MISSY HERE WHILE MAKING YOUR WAY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET!
FLAP FLAP
FINALLY AWAKE, PEARL? YOU WERE MUMBLING AWAY IN YOUR SLEEP! YOU KNOW...
OH... DIA...
YAWN... IT'S MORNING ALREADY? IF THIS THING IS BEEPING IT MUST MEAN THAT...
YEAH! MISSY'S AWAKE TOO, AND SHE'S IN FRONT OF OUR ROOM DOOR AT THE MOMENT.
BEEP BEEP CLICK
GOOD MORNING!
WE'LL BE PASSING BY THE FLOWER SCENTED FLOAROMA TOWN TODAY!

EVERYTHING SEEMS OFF TODAY...
TO THINK I WAS ACTUALLY WORKING UP BY DIN THE LATE-SLEEPER.
YEAH! YOU USUALLY WAKE UP EARLIER THAN ME.. I TRIED TO SHAKE YOU UP A FEW TIMES BUT YOU WOULDN'T BUDGE

I..I WAS JUST A LITTLE TIRED, THAT'S ALL!
AND ANYWAY!

YOU'RE ALWAYS SLEEPING IN SO DON'T GET TOO COCKY JUST COZ' YOU HAPPENED TO WAKE UP EARLIER THAN ME FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE...

DON'T SLEEP AND EAT WHILE YOU'RE WALKING!!!
MUNCH!

WAKE UP!! WAKE UP RIGHT NOW OR YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY ONE MILLION AS PENALTY!!
SIGH

ARE YOU GUYS AWARE SO LARGE IN THE MORNING?
BUT ALL THIS PACKET ISN'T SUITABLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT HERE YOU KNOW.
PACKET...?

WHOOOAAH!!

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FLOAROMA TOWN.
THIS IS AMAZING!! I CAN TOTALLY SEE WHY IT'S SO FAMOUS NOW! THE FIELD OF FLOWERS STRETCHES ALL THE WAY TO THE HORIZON!!!

APPARENTLY, THERE IS A FANTASTIC FLORIST IN THE AREA, TOO! THE "PICK A PECK OF FLOWERS SHOP"!!!
MAYBE I SHOULD DROP BY THERE FOR A BIT...
WHAT ABOUT US, DAD?
UH... DAD?

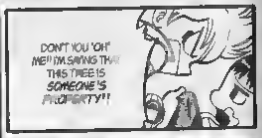
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

WHAT ON EARTH ARE THEY DOING?!
THIS WAY!!
AH... H-HEY!!
DASH
CRAG
H
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!

CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
BOOM
AHA!!
DIA!!
LAK!!
WAG!!

IT'S SO SWEET...
LICK LICK LICK
I THOUGHT IT SMELLED REALLY SWEET... THIS TREE HAS SOME REALLY DELICIOUS HONEY!

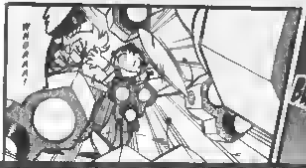
DIA, LAK, CUT IT OUT! LOOK CAREFULLY!
THIS TREE IS BLOCKED BY A FENCE, DON'T YOU SEE?!
OH?


DON'T YOU 'OH' ME!! I'M SAYING THAT THIS TREE IS SOMEONE'S PROPERTY!!

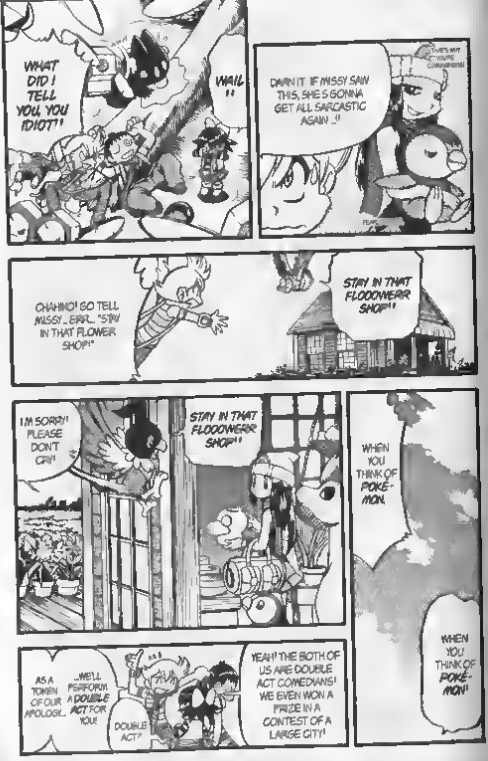
AND YET YOU MOWED IT DOWN JUST LIKE THAT... IF THEY WERE TO FIND OUT...
H-HOW COULD YOU?!

YOU... YOU KNOCKED DOWN MY PRECIOUS TREE...
I TOOK SUCH GREAT CARE OF IT...!!

BUZZZZ
BUZZZZ
I SPREAD HONEY ALL OVER THE TREE TRUNK BECAUSE...
...I WANTED THE COWBEE OF THE FLOWER FIELD TO HAVE IT!


WHAAA!

YEOWCH! OUCH!
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ


WHAT DID I TELL YOU, YOU IDIOT!!
WAIL!!
DARN IT. IF MISSY SAW THIS, SHE'S GONNA GET ALL SARCASTIC AGAIN..!!
CHARMO! GO TELL MISSY...ERR... "STAY IN THAT FLOWER SHOP!"
STAY IN THAT FLOOOWERR SHOP!!
I'M SORRY! PLEASE DON'T CRY!
STAY IN THAT FLOOOWERR SHOP!!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKE-MON,
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKE-MON!
AS A TOKEN OF OUR APOLOGY...
...WE'LL PERFORM A DOUBLE ACT FOR YOU!
DOUBLE ACT?
YEAH! THE BOTH OF US ARE DOUBLE ACT COMEDIANS! WE EVEN WON A PRIZE IN A CONTEST OF A LARGE CITY!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKEMON, YOU THINK OF POKE-BALLS!
YOU DON'T SAY!
AND BECAUSE THERE MONSTERS THAT CAN BE KEPT IN POKEBALLS AND PLACED INSIDE YOUR POCKETS... THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED "POKEMON"!
THERE SURE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF POKEBALLS OUT THERE... HOW MANY WOULD YOU SAY?
I CAN'T SAY.
HUH? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW!?
YUP! THEY'RE ALL JUST BALLS TO ME!
DON'T SAY THAT! IT'S THE MOST BASIC THING YOU NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO CAPTURE POKEMON.
YOU DON'T SAY?
I REALLY WANT A MASTER-BALL!
OH, THE BALL THAT CAN CAPTURE ANY KIND OF POKEMON...
AH SO YOU DO KNOW YOUR POKE BALLS!
YES, BUT THEY'RE STILL JUST BALLS TO ME!
HAH
BUAH HAH HAH HAH!! THAT WAS FUNNY!!
YES! SHE LOVED IT!
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FORGIVE YOU YET!
UGH...
HMM, THAT LITTLE BRAT...!!

AHH! YOU'RE THINKING WHAT A BRAT I AM, WEREN'T YOU?! MY PAPA'S GONNA COME BACK SOON AND I'M GONNA TELL ON YOU!
PA... PAPA?!
YEAH! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET UP AT THIS TREE
I SEE...
PEARL, WE SHOULD WAIT WITH HER AND...
...SHOW HER PAPA OUR DOUBLE ACT AGAIN--
YOU MEAN APOLOGIZE, DON'T YOU!
AH!
IT'S DARKLOON! PAPA'S DARKLOON!!
ROAR ROAR
HUH?! YOUR PAPA'S HERE?!

H-HEY!
THUMP
THAT'S PAPA'S LABCOAT!
IT'S ALL TORN AND TATTERED...
THE POKÉMON WHO BROUGHT IT HERE'S ALL WORN OUT, TOO!
ARE YOU SURE THIS BELONGS TO YOUR PAPA?
HUH?
WHERE WAS YOUR PAPA SUPPOSED TO BE COMING FROM?
FR... FROM THE POWER STATION IN THE VALLEY! HE'S WORKING THERE!

C'MON, CIA! LET'S GO CHECK THINGS OUT!
YEAH!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TWO! WHERE...

WHO IS THIS GIRL? SHE'S CRYING!
MISSY...
SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO THIS GIRL'S FATHER! WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO GO WITH HER TO CHECK THINGS OUT!
THEY MAY HAVE A MISSION TO PROTECT ME...
...YET THEY'RE STILL WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO A CHILD THEY BUMPED INTO BY CHANCE! HOW RELIABLE!!
I'M COMING ALONG TOO

FWHOOOOOOOOOSH

THERE'RE SO MANY WINDMILLS HERE...
THEY CAN CONVERT THE WIND SWEEPING THROUGH THE VALLEY INTO ELECTRICITY!

YEAH! BUT I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH STRONG WINDS...
...IN MY LIFE BEFORE
THAT'S TRUE!!

FWOOOSH
THIS WIND SPEED JUST ISN'T NORMAL!
PEARL! I THINK I'M GONNA BE BLOWN AWAY!!
PAPA! WHERE ARE YOU PAPA?!
TH UMP TH UMP
CLATTERCLATTER
IN ANY CASE WE HAVE TO TRY TO GET INTO THE POWER STATION!
YES.. BUT THE DOOR WON'T OPEN! IT'S LOCKED!
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, SO...CHIMCHAO! BURN IT DOWN!!
ROAR
ROAR
ROAR

PAPA!!!
BLING
?!!
WHAT'S THAT?!
WHOOOOOOSH

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THIS POWER STATION HAS BEEN AMBUSHED!!
SLAP
PAPA!
AH...
DON'T MOVE!
GRIP
IF YOU TRY TO RUN AGAIN...
...YOUR LABCOAT WON'T BE THE ONLY THING ZUBAT TEARS UP THIS TIME
THAT'S...
THE ATTACKER!!

WOW... HOW CAN SHE STILL STAND IN THE MIDST OF THAT STRONG WIND?!
I WAS WONDERING WHY THERE WERE INTRUDERS IN THE POWER STATION...
YOU SENT THAT DRIFLOON TO GET ME...! DIDN'T YOU, CHIEF?
LOOKS LIKE A PUNISHMENT IS IN ORDER... ZUBAT!

OPEN
CHUH-HUH?
SMACK
THEN WHAT'S INTERESTING IN YOUR OPINION?
I GOT IT!
PEARL! LET'S SHOW HER OUR DOUBLE ACT!
DIA, YOU IDIOT! HOW ARE WE GONNA PERFORM A DOUBLE ACT IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?!
LET'S GO! WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
SIGH... IT WASN'T EASY FOR ME TO FINALLY GET SOMEONE TO AGREE TO HELP ME GET MORE ELECTRICITY...
YOU'RE STEALING THE ELECTRICITY!!
THAT'S RIGHT! WINDMILL POWER STATIONS GENERATE A LOT OF ELECTRICITY, YOU SEE.
AND YOU DID THESE AWFUL THINGS TO THIS MAN JUST FOR THAT?
INDEED!
WHY?!
BECAUSE IT'S INTERESTING!
THAT'S...
...NOT INTERESTING AT ALL!!
WHEN YOU THINK OF PUNCHLINE, YOU THINK OF PUNCHLINE BATTLES!
YOU DON'T SAY!
AND ALONG WITH THAT COME THE STATUS AILMENTS WHICH I REALLY DON'T LIKE...
YES, THOSE STATUS AILMENTS ARE REALLY TROUBLESOME.
IT'S SO HARD TO MAKE THE BATTLE GO YOUR WAY WHEN AFFLICTED WITH THEM.
THERE'S "CONFUSION" TOO!
"FUSION" "RUIN" "PARESIS" "SLEEP"...
PANIC
WAIT... THERE'S ANOTHER RATHER WELL KNOWN STATUS AILMENT...
YOU DON'T SAY!
IT'S AN AILMENT THAT MAKES YOUR WHOLE BODY GO NUMB, REMEMBER?
LET ME SEE...
I KNOW! IT'S "PARALYZE"!
HOW COULD SHE DELIVER THE PUNCHLINE FOR US?! I WAS SUPPOSED TO END THE GAG WITH A HORRIBLE PUN AS USUAL, BUT SHE STOLE OUR SHOW!
DIA, FORGET IT. SHE'S A VILLAIN, FOR GOODNESS SAKE!
AHAHA! THAT WAS INTERESTING! REALLY INTERESTING!

SO?
WHAT'S THIS "DOUBLE ACT" THING SUPPOSED TO BE?
OH WELL... IT'S GETTING TOO TROUBLESOME I'LL JUST DO THIS.
SLIDE
BLOOW!
WAAH!
FWOOSH
?!
ZAA...
IT'S SAND...!
"SAND-STORM"
A STORM OF SAND ONE OF BRONZON'S MOVES!
WHOOO OOOOSH
I WAS USING IT TO MAKE THE WINDMILLS TURN AT A FASTER SPEED, BUT HEY, IT'S PRETTY USEFUL FOR DEALING WITH INTRUDERS, TOO!
FULL HOUSE!
POOHHRR
I...! CAN'T GET OUT...
SHAA
UGH!
FWA!
W...WE'RE BEING SWEPT AWAY!
STAY CALM! EVERYBODY, HOLD HANDS!"
SHAAA
THE DOOR TO THE BUILDING'S OPEN, REMEMBER?!
IF WE JUST LET THE SAND PUSH US ALONG...
...IT SHOULD PUSH US RIGHT OUT SOON!

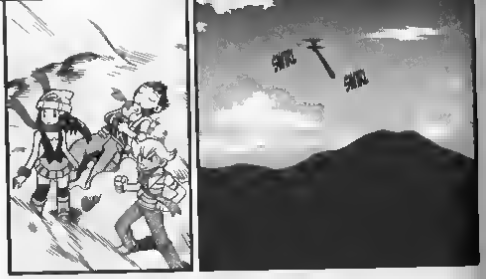
SHAA
SHAA
WAIT...
IT'LI!! WE MADE IT!
WHERE'S PAPA...
...AND YOUR GLUTTON FRIEND?
PAPA!!
DIA!! CHIEF!!
WIG' LAX!!
SPATTER SPATTER
THEY'RE STILL INSIDE THE POWER STATION!!
DIA!!
WHERE ARE YOU?! ANSWER ME!!

WE SHOULD BREAK ALL THE WINDOWS AND ALLOW THE SAND IN THE BUILDING TO FLOW OUT!
YEAH, WAS THINKING OF DOING THAT TOO...
BUT THERE'RE SO FEW OF US AND TOO MANY WINDOWS...
DIA AND THE KID'S DAD MAY BE BURIED ALIVE BEFORE WE CAN EVEN REACH 'EM.
NO... BUT IT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES
SHOULD WE TRY TO GET AS MUCH SAND OUT AS POSSIBLE? GAH... WHAT NOW...?!
IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHERE EXACTLY THEY ARE THEN MAYBE...
COM-BEE...!
EH?
I HEAR THE COMBEE... BUT THAT'S STRANGE... THERE'RE NO FLOWER FIELDS AROUND THIS AREA...
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
THAT'S IT!!

DIA'S...
OVER HERE!!
FOUND THEM!
BUZZ
BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ
BUZZ
THERE HE IS!!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
BEFORE COMING TO THE STATION, DIA AND HIS POKÉMON WERE COVERED WITH HONEY FROM HEAD TO TOE.
THEIR SCENT MUST HAVE ATTRACTED THE COMBEE!
LOOKS LIKE DIA'S GLUTTONY CAME IN HANDY AFTER ALL.
OKAMIKO, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
STOMP
SLASH
SWIRRL
WRIGGLE
BOP
WE DID IT!
YAAAAAAA
OKAY, OKAY!
THANK GOODNESS... THEY'RE BOTH OKAY!
OH MY... YOU GUYS GOT OUT?

AND THINGS WERE GETTING INTERESTING TOO!
BUT NEVER MIND
THIS GUY HAS MANAGED TO ABSORB AND STORE ALL THE ELECTRICITY I WANT!
LET'S GO
DO IT FURIOUSLY!
SWING

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YOU'LL DO THAT "DOUBLE ACT" THING AGAIN...
...FOR ME SOMEDAY, WON'T YOU?
AND USE SOMETHING MUCH MORE INTERESTING
GUBBBL


SWIRL
SWIRL

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU GUYS...
PLEASE, THINK NOTHING OF IT
I WONDER WHO THAT GIRL WAS? I DIDN'T GET TO SEE HER FACE IN THE END...
NEITHER, DID WE! BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE NOT HURT!
WILL HE BE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, HE'S JUST SLEEPING COZ HE'S RELIEVED
... I WAS REALLY SURPRISED WHEN HE SUGGESTED TO PERFORM A DOUBLE IN FRONT OF THE VILLAIN... WHY DID HE SAY THAT?
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT'S JUST HIS STYLE OF PERSUASION!
HE WANTED TO LET HER KNOW THAT IT'S NO FUN STEALING THINGS AND HURTING OTHER PEOPLE!
BUT SHE WOULDN'T BE A VILLAIN IF SHE COULD BE PERSUADED JUST LIKE THAT, WOULD SHE?

SO THE GLUTTON'S ACTUALLY A VERY NICE GUY!
YUP.
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE... AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM ANGRY BEFORE!
IT'S LIKE THERE'S NOT A ROUGH EDGE TO HIM AT ALL!

THE GUY'S GOT A HEART OF A POLISHED JEWEL, YOU SEE!
HE'S LIKE...
...THE ULTIMATE IN REFINEMENT!

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EAST WINDS OF THE JUNON REGION
...LIES A VAST OCEAN OF TREES EVENS AS...
...ETURNA FOREST.
THE NEVER-ENDING LINES OF TREES FORM A NATURAL MAZE. WHICH, WHEN SHROUDED WITH...
...THE DARK AND EERIE ATMOSPHERE BENEATH THE CANOPY, REJECTS ANY WHO THINKS SET FOOT WITHIN.
THIS PLACE IS SO DARK...
I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS NOW...
IS THIS THE ONLY PATH WE CAN TAKE?
ARE THERE ANY SHORT CUTS OR SOMETHING AROUND?
HEY! LISTEN TO ME!! AND STOP EATING!! DO YOU WANT ME TO PAY YOU A MILLION DOLLARS?!
BY FOOD!
OH HUSH!
SURELY WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE ROUTE TO MT. CORONET WITHOUT MAKING SO MUCH NOISE!

HEH! AS IF YOU'RE SO GREAT AND EVERYTHING... LET ME SEE... WE STARTED OFF AT JUBILIFE, WENT PAST CELESTIC AND FLOAROMA...
IN ORDER TO REACH MT. CORONET WE HAVE TO GET TO ETERNA CITY FIRST!
AND TO GET TO ETERNA CITY... HMM... WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH ETERNA FOREST.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE DETAILED PATHS OF THE FOREST ARE NOT RECORDED ON THIS TOWN MAP...
I WONDER HOW LONG WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WALK...
IS THAT SO? I SEE!
HA HA HA HA!

IT'S NOT FUNNY...
I SEE NOW!

WHAT'S THE DEAL, DIAN? GETTING DISTRACTED BY FOCO AND COINCS NOW?! AND YOU'RE EVEN PEDALING ON TOP OF A MAKESHIFT SEAT WITH YOUR POKÉMON...!
BUT IT'S WRITTEN IN THE BOOK THAT WE SHOULD REST UP, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE AWHILE BEFORE WE REACH THE CITY!

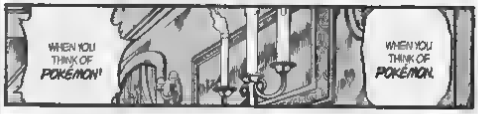
AND IT'S NOT A COINC BUT PROBABLY THE PROF. THE GIRL AT THE FOSSIL STATION
IT'S THE "SINNOH OMEGA SECRET BASE"!... PROF.?!

SUPER OMEGA
YEAH, MISS!... IT'S THE CARTOON THAT DIA'S CURRENTLY HOOKED ON.
HE'S... I DON'T KNOW... A GREAT FAN OF TELEVISION?
BUT IT'S SO AWESOME! I HAVEN'T MISSED A SINGLE EPISODE EVEN AFTER SETTING OFF ON OUR JOURNEY!
HMM?
DIA... YOU SAID "IT'S WRITTEN IN THE BOOK" THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE? WHICH BOOK DID YOU MEAN?
IN THE TRAVEL GUIDE, OF COURSE
GEH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
"THERE IS NO WAY ONE CAN TRAVERSE THE ENTIRE ETERNA FOREST WITHIN A DAY. THERE ARE NO HOTELS OR INNS IN THE FOREST."
NO HOTELS OR INNS...
...IN THE FOREST.
ACK!!
SINNOH TRAVEL GUIDE

DIA... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MISS!, WAIT FOR US THERE, OKAY?
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT MUCH EARLIER!
OH MY.
DASH
WHAT'S WRONG PEARL?
THINK ABOUT IT DIA! MISS! STAYS IN THE SUPER SUITE ROOMS OF HIGH-CLASS HOTELS EVERY NIGHT.
WHAT IF SHE CRIES AND THROWS A TANTRUM...
...BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO CAMP OUTDOORS?!
MAAAN~! I HATE IT WHEN WOMEN SHRIEK AND SCREAM.
I'M GONNA STAY OUT OF HEARING DISTANCE UNTIL SHE CALMS DOWN!
AH, PEARL!
KLONK

W-WHAT'S THIS?! THE TRAVEL GUIDE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A CHATEAU IN THE FOREST...
SOME ONE'S THERE!
EXCUSE US!
OH, MY!
T-T THEY VANISHED!! DID YOU SEE THAT, DIA!?
FIZZLE

THIS OLD CHATEAU LOOKS SO CLASSIC AND PRESTIGIOUS
THEY SAID THERE WERE NO HOTELS, YET THEY STILL MANAGED TO FIND A PLACE FOR US TO STAY!
AHMET THEY WERE TRYING TO SURPRISE ME?
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL STAY HERE FOR TONIGHT THEN
EEH?!

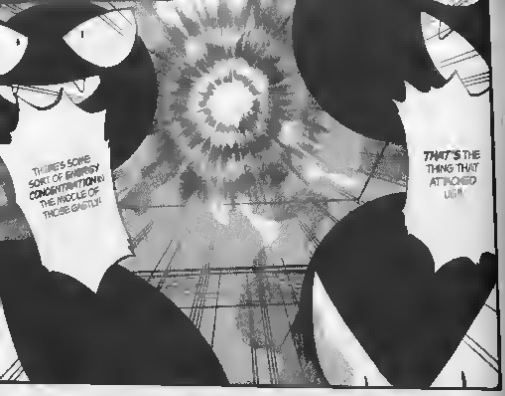

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON,

POKÉMON TRADING! IT'S PRETTY FUN YOU KNOW!
YOU DON'T SAY!
SHALL WE TRY THAT?
ALL RIGHT HERE, TAKE MY MUNCHLAX.
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR HIM?
YOUR SQUIRRLL ...!?
GYAAH! MOMMY!!!

BE SERIOUS, WILL YA?! I'M TALKING ABOUT EXCHANGING A POKÉMON FOR ANOTHER POKÉMON!
YOU DON'T SAY!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF CHATOT!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF MUNCHLAX.
OTHERWISE, I'LL TAKE REAL GOOD CARE OF CHATOT!!!
AWAY IN A MANGER

SILENCE
PHEW...WE ENDED UP STAYING HERE IN THE END, BUT MAN, THIS PLACE SURE IS SCARY!
I DID SOME EXPLORING JUST NOW... THERE WERE A LOT OF ROOMS, AND THEY WERE ALL SO SPOOKY!
SHE'S A LIAR.
THOSE TWO PEOPLE WHO VANISHED IN THE AFTERNOON... I GUESS I WAS JUST IMAGINING THINGS?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, CAL?
MISSY ASKED ME TO BRING HER SOME TEA AND TREATS AT 3PM.
HUH?! SHE STILL HAS THE MOOD FOR HIGH TEA AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
TURN
AH!
TURN

YOU KNOW... OUR DOUBLE ACT JUST NOW...
IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS WATCHING US, DIDN'T IT?
THERE IT IS AGAIN!
BRRR... IN ANY CASE LET'S JUST BRING THE TEA TO MISSY...
...AND HIT THE SACK RIGHT AFTER THAT!
APPEAR
WAAH!!
EEEK!!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
ARK!
OW OW!
THE GASTLY ARE ATTACKING US!
NO, WAIT!


THERE'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY CONCENTRATION! THE RIDDLE OF THOSE GHOSTS!
THAT'S THE THING THAT ATTACKED LILA!

YIKES! IT'S SO HOT AND BRIGHT!
IT'S LIKE PLASMA...!!

THE POKÉDEX ISN'T REGISTERING ANYTHING! IT'S NOT A POKÉMON! DON'T TELL ME... IT'S A REAL GHOST?!
TICK TICK TICK TICK

USH!
CHANIKO "FURY ATTACK"!!
FLOP
SWOOSH
CHANIKO "EMBER"!!
SWISH

IT'S NOT WORKING! THAT THING'S WAY TOO FAST!
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
MY POKÉMON CAN'T EVEN HIT IT!

NEVERTHELESS... IF WE LET IT GO UNCHECKED IT'LL EVENTUALLY FIND ITS WAY TO MISSI!

WHERE DID IT GO?!
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
TICK
THERE! IT'S AT THE CHANDELIER!

SWISH

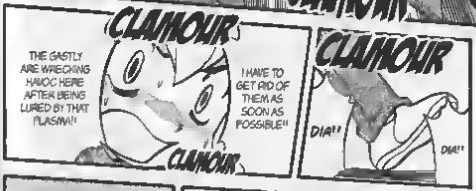
IT WENT INTO THE OVEN NOW!!
TICK
TICK

FROM THE OVEN...
...TO THE FRIDGE!!
TICK
THE WASHING MACHINE!
TICK TICK

I SEE... THAT THING IS MOVING AROUND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES!

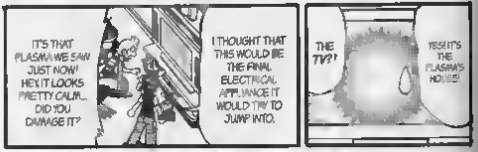
SMASH
IT'S MOVING AGAIN. THIS WAY. DARN IT! IF ONLY I CAN FIGURE OUT ITS MIGRATION ROUTE... WHAT NOW, DIA—
HOLE!
D-D-D-DIA'S GONE!!
I GOT SEPARATED FROM HIM!!
DIA!!
DASH
DIA, WHERE ARE YOU!
MORE AND MORE GASTLY ARE STARTING TO GATHER HERE.
BIIIBBIII
THE FURNITURE AND WINDOWS ARE TREMBLING!!

ERRGH! SHUT UP!!
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL A SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA!!
CLAMOUR

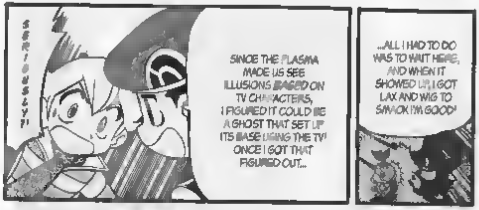

THE GASTLY ARE WRECKING HAVOC HERE AFTER BEING LURED BY THAT PLASMA!!
CLAMOUR
I HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
CLAMOUR
DIA!!
DIA!!

PAUSE
HUH? THE GASTLY ARE GONE AND... THE WHOLE PLACE HAS GONE QUIET ALL OF A SUDDEN...
CREAK
WHOA?!

DIA!!
HI, PEARL!
"
THIS THING...


IT'S THAT PLASMA WE SAW JUST NOW! HEY, IT LOOKS PRETTY CALM... DID YOU DAMAGE IT?
I THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FINAL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE IT WOULD TRY TO JUMP INTO.
THE TV?!
YES! IT'S THE PLASMA'S HOUSE!

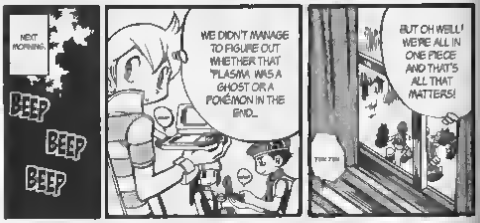
HOW DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT?
THE CLUE WAS IN THE TWO VANISHING PEOPLE THIS AFTERNOON!
THERE THEY...
...WERE ENEMY CHARACTERS FROM EPISODE EIGHT OF "AURINA OMEGA"!

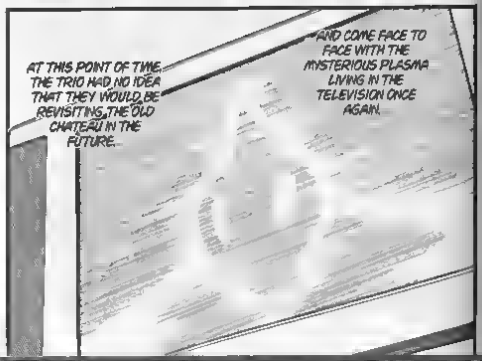

SERIOUSLY?!
SINCE THE PLASMA MADE US SEE ILLUSIONS BASED ON TV CHARACTERS, I FIGURED IT COULD BE A GHOST THAT SET UP ITS BASE USING THE TV! ONCE I GOT THAT FIGURED OUT...
...ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TO WAIT HERE, AND WHEN IT SHOWED UP, I GOT LAX AND WAG TO SMACK 'EM GOOD!

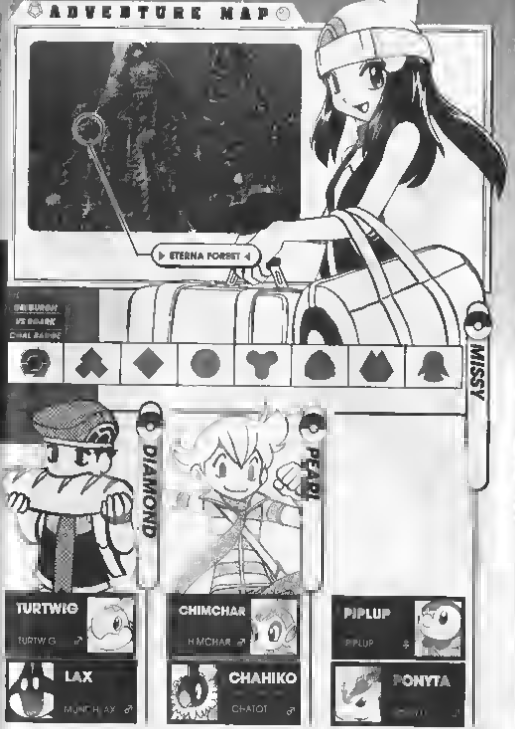
WAY TO GO, DIA! LOOKS LIKE YOUR TV HABITS CAME IN HANDY AFTER ALL, EH?!
SLAP
SLAP
YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN MAKING A LOT OF NOISE SINCE JUST NOW... WHAT'S GOING ON?
AND IT'S ALREADY PAST 3 P.M.! WHERE IS MY TEA?

OH, MISS! HERE YOU GO!
SWEET BEAN JELLY FOR YOU!
AND HERE, PEARL! A JELLY FOR YOUR BELLY!
AHA!
YOU LAUGHED JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?
NO! I DIDN'T

YOU SO DID TOO I'M SURE OF IT!
NO! I DIDN'T


NEXT MORNING...
BEEP BEEP BEEP
WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER THAT PLASMA WAS A GHOST OR A POKÉMON IN THE END...
BUT OH WELL! WE'RE ALL IN ONE PIECE AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!


AT THIS POINT OF TIME, THE TRIO HAD NO IDEA THAT THEY WOULD BE REVISITING THE OLD CHATEAU IN THE FUTURE...
AND COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE MYSTERIOUS PLASMA LIVING IN THE TELEVISION ONCE AGAIN...


ADVENTURE MAP
ETERNA FOREST
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
TURTWIG
CHIMCHAR
PIPLUP
LAX
CHAHIKO
PONYTA

#346
VS ROSERADE !

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

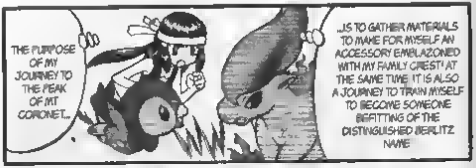
HMM... WHAT A NICE SCENT!
THE SCENT OF FLOWERS AND TREES!
THE FLAVOR OF THE FOREST!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE GREAT WEATHER IN ETERNA CITY AS USUAL TODAY...
...CHERUBI AND ROSERADE?
HMM?
THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
...MIXED WITH THE USUAL SCENT OF GRASS AND SOIL...
THIS SCENT...
TAP TAP TAP

I KNOW! IT'S THE SMELL OF "GAS"!
STEP
DIA. COME ON ALREADY!
YAWN. THE MOSS ON THIS ROCK FEELS SO COOL AND NICE... I WANNA TAKE A NAP HERE...
CRANE CRUCIAN
THE "GAS" SMELL IS COMING FROM THEM!
YOU GUYS!
HEY!
WE'RE FINALLY AT THE EXIT!
ETERNA CITY SHOULD BE JUST AHEAD.
W-WAIT...!
DON'T IGNORE ME LIKE THAT!
ROSERADE
SCREE!
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
TIGHTEN
TRIP
WHOA!!
OUCH! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
YOU GUYS!
STING
YOU FOUGHT WITH GAS POKÉMON NOT TOO LONG AGO, AM I RIGHT?
I CAN TELL YOU KNOW

HUH?? WHO ARE YOU? BEEN HEARING YOU YAK AWAY SINCE JUST NOW.
I'M GARDENIA! SO YOU FOUGHT WITH GAS POKÉMON, RIGHT?
YEAH! LAST NIGHT!
I KNEW IT. YOU GUYS REEK FROM THE STENCH OF GAS, YOU KNOW
WHERE DID YOU FIGHT THOSE POKÉMON?
AT THE OLD CHATEAU...
T-THE OLD CHATEAU!?
T...THE OLD CHATEAU IS LIKE THE SCARIEST PLACE IN ALL OF ETERNA FOREST...!
I'VE EVEN HEARD RUMORS ABOUT SHADOW GHOSTS AND FIGURES HANGING OUT THERE...
H-I WAS THINKING OF CHECKING THAT PLACE OUT IN VIEW OF MY POSITION...
BUT I WASN'T PUTTING IT OFF BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OR ANYTHING OKAY?!
YOU GUYS WERE SCARED TOO, WEREN'T YOU!?
MAN, SHE'S SUCH A MOTOR-MOUTH... NOT THAT I'M ANY BETTER...
WELL, DIA TOOK CARE OF IT IN THE END SO WE WEREN'T REAL...
Y-YOU FOUGHT AND DEFEATED ...A G-G GHOST?!
Y-YOU GUYS ARE STRONG-ISH...
THIS SEEMS WHOLESALE NOW!
OF COURSE! AFTER ALL, THEY'RE PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS!
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!
IN VIEW OF YOUR "POSITION"? YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY SOMEONE WITH STATUS?
FLAP
WELL ASKED, MY BOY!!
I AM THE GYM LEADER OF ETERNA CITY!
I KNOW, I KNOW.
SINCE YOU GUYS WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE GHOST AT THE OLD CHATEAU, I BET YOU'RE DYING TO CHALLENGE MY GYM, RIGHT?
ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! I'LL EVEN FIGHT YOU WITHOUT APPOINTMENT! COME FIND ME FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING!
STAMP
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!

SOMEHOW, OUR ITINERARY FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN DECIDED. WHAT DO YOU THINK, MISSY?
ARE YOU BOTHERED BECAUSE SHE SAID WE REEK OF THE STENCH OF GAS...
NO I'M NOT
DON'T WORRY! WE DON'T STINK OF GAS AT ALL.
I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO A HOTEL FOR A SHOWER.
SO YOU ARE BOTHERED ABOUT IT!
WISH I COULD SIT THE JOLLY AWAY...
LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE...
...GYM LEADERS SITUATED IN DIFFERENT CITIES...
ETERNA GREAT HOTEL
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON

THEY HAVE THIS ATTRIBUTE CALLED "HAPPINESS"
YOU DON'T SAY! IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S LIKE THE BOND OF TRUST BETWEEN A TRAINER AND HIS POKÉMON?
THE MORE YOU CARE FOR YOUR POKÉMON, THE "HAPPIER" IT BECOMES! FOR EXAMPLE...
"HAVING THEM ON HAND AND STAYING TOGETHER"
THAT'S "HAVING HAVOC ON HAND AND EATING TOGETHER"!!
WELL ANYWAY, HOW HAPPY IS YOUR MUNCHLAX?
WELL... NOT AT ALL.
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE HIM AWAY OR SOMETHING?
HUH? BUT WHY?!
THERE'S MORE "HAPPINESS" IN GIVING THAN ACCEPTING, RIGHT?
YEAH! I THINK WE MANAGED TO END THIS GAG PRETTY WELL!
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
MISSY'S PRACTICING...
REALLY?


THE PURPOSE OF MY JOURNEY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET...
...IS TO GATHER MATERIALS TO MAKE FOR MYSELF AN ACCESSORY EMBLAZONED WITH MY FAMILY CREST! AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS ALSO A JOURNEY TO TRAIN MYSELF TO BECOME SOMEONE BEFITTING OF THE DISTINGUISHED BERLITZ NAME!

THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE WHICH I CAN NEVER FULLY COMPREHEND UNLESS I PERSONALLY GO THROUGH IT MYSELF!
I HAVE TO LEARN THAT KNOWLEDGE ONLY BECOMES REAL WITH EXPERIENCE!

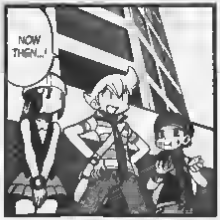
WE'LL HAVE TO GAIN AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS WE CAN! WE'LL CHALLENGE ALL THE GYM LEADERS THAT ARE OUT THERE!
RIGHT, PIPLUP?

THE GYM LEADER WAS THE ONE WHO MADE THE DECISION FOR US, BUT...
...IT LOOKS LIKE MISSY'S REALLY FEELING UP TO THE TASK, EH?
UP TO THE TAAASSK UP TO THE TAAASSK!
WHAT ABOUT US, PEARL?
DIA, NO, I MEAN DIAMOND! I KNOW, I KNOW...

KSHK KSHK
KSHK KSHK

PEARL...!
HEH HEH!
I'M ALWAYS WONDERING... "WHY DO WE HAVE TO HELP HER?" BUT WELL... I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR PEOPLE WHO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE THE DETERMINATION TO WANT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO BE HEIR TRAINING PARTNERS!
DIA, YOU PRETEND TO BE GARDENIA.
OKAY


NOW THEN...!

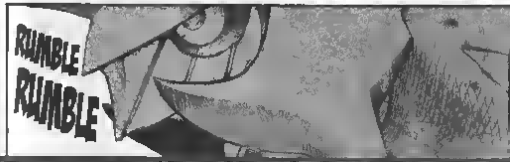
I THINK THAT GYM LEADER GARDENIA PROBABLY SPECIALIZES IN GRASS-TYPE POKÉMON.
WHEN WE BUMPED INTO HER IN THE FOREST, SHE USED "GRASS KNOT", REMEMBER?

SO IT'S NATURAL FOR US TO ASSUME THAT THE BATTLEFIELD IN THE GYM WILL BE COVERED WITH GRASS, RIGHT?
YES.
YEAH!

IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL FOR YOU TO TRAIN ON A GRASS FIELD INSTEAD OF THE CONCRETE FLOOR OF THE HOTEL'S TERRACE!
AND WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A FIELD THAT'S AS SPACIOUS AS POSSIBLE

LET ME SEE
A SPACIOUS GRASS FIELD... SPACIOUS GRASS FIELD...

WHOA!

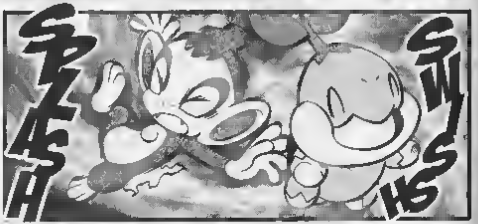

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

THAT IS ONE HUGE BRONZE STATUE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE! IS IT A POKÉMON?
WOW!
PEARL, MISSY! THAT THING OVER THERE'S PRETTY COOL TOO!
HM... WHAT IS THAT BUILDING SUPPOSED TO BE?
IT HAS THORNS ON IT! LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY TOUGH BUILDING!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT! LOOK AT THAT EMPTY GRASS FIELD BESIDE IT!
I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT TO TRAIN IN!

MISSY'S MAIN POKÉMON WILL PROBABLY BE PIPLUP. SO...
THIS MAY SOUND HARD, BUT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE UP TO BATTLING AGAINST MY CHIMCHO AND DIA'S WIG AT THE SAME TIME?
SURE!!
DO IT, DIA!
YEAH!
"I AM GARDENIA, THE GYM LEADER OF ETERNA CITY. PREPARE YOURSELF!"
GO GET 'EM, WIG AND CHIMCHO!

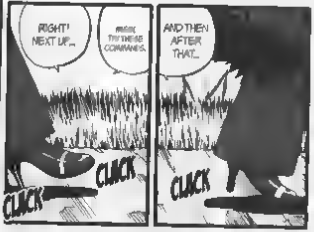
DISTRACT HER WITH YOUR SPIKES! AND...
...LIKE GRASS-TYPE ATTACKS, WHICH WATER-TYPES ARE WEAK AGAINST!
MISSY! TRY COMMANDING PIPLUP TO DO SOMETHING, ANYTHING!
YES!
必勝

PIPLUP! "GROWL"!!!
AND THEN, "BUBBLE"!!!
POP
POP
POP
POP
POP


SPLASH
SWISH

PLAT PLAT PLAT
CLAW CLAW
THUD
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S ALL FOR ROUND ONE
I MANAGED TO DEFEAT CHIMCHAR, BUT TURTWIG IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE...
IT WASN'T TOO BAD, THOUGH. "GROWL" AND "BUBBLE" AFFECTED BOTH POKÉMON, SO I'D SAY YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
BESIDES THAT, SINCE THE OPPONENT IS A GRASS-TYPE SPECIALIST YOU'LL HAVE TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO HANDLE WIG...

SAY, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
HUH? NO?


RIGHT! NEXT UP...
MAKE THEM GO!
AND THEN AFTER THAT...
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

NO, DIA, LIKE THIS...
LIKE THIS, PEARL?
YES, RIGHT!
HMF HMF...

THREE FRIENDS BATTLING THEIR POKÉMON AGAINST EACH OTHER?
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST SAW SOMETHING SO HEART WARMING...?

OH MY...

THOSE THREE POKÉMON SURE ARE INTERESTING... IT'S SO OBVIOUS FROM THEIR RATE OF GROWTH THAT THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER ALL THIS TIME...
TRIBBLE
TRIBBLE
TRIBBLE
ALL THREE OF THEM ARE GOING TO CHANGE FORMS TOGETHER, SOON...

SPURT
SPURT

JUST LIKE I SAID THEY WOULD!
TO BE CONTINUED